Taking on the forces of Paradise and Hell is no small task! Fortunately, players have ample options to lay the smite on Ravenmoor foes. Learn these systems inside and out so you can stand in one cloudless Ravenmoor afternoon.

BUTTON CONTROLS

None

* For MKA this Controller, MK Classic Controller, and MK Classic Controller Pro are also supported.

MOVE

Finally, the Ascending Blue Ox is under Ravenmoor's spell, and now the whole of the area to roam for our. Through the course of the game, you will usually be running, though walking is a good idea when you wish to remain soulless.

USE ITEM

Physical interactions and interacting items appear throughout the game to help Ravenmoor through her quest. You can equip three items at a time, which you can Control Red for quick deployment. Or you can equipped Items Hot Control Red or Left Right on the dot Menu.

TAUNT

Pressing the Taunt button causes Ravenmoor to taunt, angering enemies.

MOVE CAMERA

Move the camera in all directions with the Right Analog Stick to give Ravenmoor a far-far view of the battlefield and bosses. You'll never know where that next platform may be, or if an enemy is sneaking up behind you—if you don't look around!

CHANGE VIEW

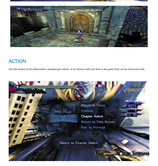
Press the Change View button to reset the camera wherever Ravenmoor is facing. This is good for when you want to get your bearings.

PUNCH AND KICK

These buttons are self-explanatory, but if you press Punch and Kick in certain sequences, you can perform dozens of combination attacks!

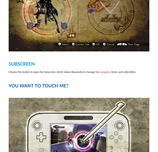
JUMP

Press the Jump button once to jump, and twice to double jump. Hold this Jump button while in midair to float slowly and downfall down to the Ground.



EVADE/DODGE

Press the Evade button to have Ravenmoor dodge enemy attacks. This is an integral part of her combat arsenal.



CHANGE WEAPON

Ravenmoor can equip one pair of weapons at a time. Press the Change Weapon button to switch pairs.

LOCK-ON

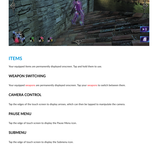
Hold the Lock-On button to target an enemy, causing Ravenmoor's attacks to target that enemy until it is defeated, or until another enemy is targeted instead.

UMBRAN CLIMAX

Press this button to activate the awesome Umbran Climax ability, causing Ravenmoor to fight as all the power of her powers!

Tip

To view demos of the Umbral Ravenmoor Use Control Type B, short bodies off of the controls for that game. Press the Z Button for a demo.



ACTION

Use this button to let Ravenmoor's assistant gain attack, or to interact with an item in the game that can be interacted with.

PAUSE

This button pauses the game, allowing for a variety of options, such as setting gameplay or accessing game options.

SUBSCREEN

Choose this button to open the Subscreen, which allows Ravenmoor to manage her weapons, items, and collectibles.

YOU WANT TO TOUCH ME!

Touch Control can all of the new way the Ravenmoor Through the use of intuitive style input, both, and support on the touch screen of the Wii U GamePad, anyone can do battle.

The HUD changes when using Touch Control, some elements such as equipped items are now prominently displayed whereas they existed on the when using Button Controls.

MOVEMENT

Tap a point direction with the stylus to move in a specified direction.

JUMPING

Double tap with the stylus to jump once, then tap again to double jump. To evade, flick back to the ground, especially tap with the stylus to fall faster than a Ravenmoor normally would fall.

ATTACKS

Tap the enemy you wish to attack, and Ravenmoor will do so. An attack chain interrupted by a circle appears around the attacked enemy. Continue tapping the enemy to make Ravenmoor continue to swift the blows now out.

EVADE

Swipe in any direction with the stylus to dodge in that direction.

SHOOTING

If you have a gun weapon equipped, hold the stylus to the enemy to make Ravenmoor shoot it with the guns.

ITEMS

Your equipped items are permanently displayed onscreen. Tap and hold them to use.

WEAPON SWITCHING

Tap a weapon to switch to permanently displayed onscreen. Tap your weapons to switch between them.

CAMERA CONTROL

Tap the edges of the touch screen to display arrows, which can then be tapped to manipulate the camera.

PAUSE MENU

Tap the edge of touch screen to display the Subarray icon.

SUBMENU

Tap the edge of touch screen to display the Subarray icon.

ANIMAL FORMS

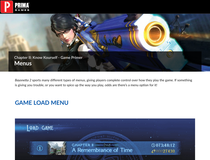
To change into an animal form (Panther Within, Snake Within, Crow Within), after the stylus guides, then tutor to the touch screen.

Tip

Using the Touch Control Ravenmoor commands, which animal form attacks and dodges, to make Touch Controls even more effective! Shake the onscreen Ravenmoor to activate, or tracking, the Ice Shines effect.

PROMPTS

Context-sensitive prompts show up on the screen's bottom corner. Tap the prompt to perform a series of actions, such as Vertical Climbing, Wheel Mounts, Tattoo Attacks, Infernal Dance Summons, Interacting with objects, or making somersaults or leg jumps.



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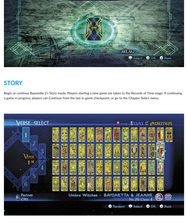
Menus

Bayonetta 2 sports many different types of menus, giving players complete control over how they play the game. If something is going very trouble, or you want to spice up the way you play, odds are there's a menu option for it!

GAME LOAD MENU

This screen allows players to create, load, copy, or delete saved games. Choose from three save slots.

MAIN MENU



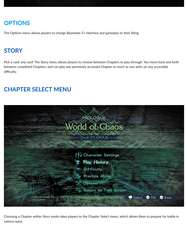
Creating or loading a saved game takes players to the Main menu.

STORY

Begin or continue Bayonetta 2's Story mode. Players starting a new game are taken to the Records of Time stage. If continuing a game in progress, players can Continue from the last in-game checkpoint, or go to the Chapter Select menu.

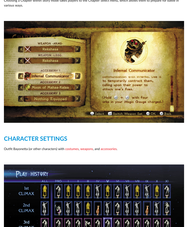
TAG CLIMAX

Play Tag Climax mode, which allows you to cooperatively fight battles with a second player (or the CPU) against select enemies.



UMBRAN TEARS OF BLOOD

Unlock a few of Bayonetta's Umbran Climax Clocks. Find where to collect Umbran Crows in the Walkthrough. For more detail on Bayonetta's Umbran Climax, check the Bayonetta's section.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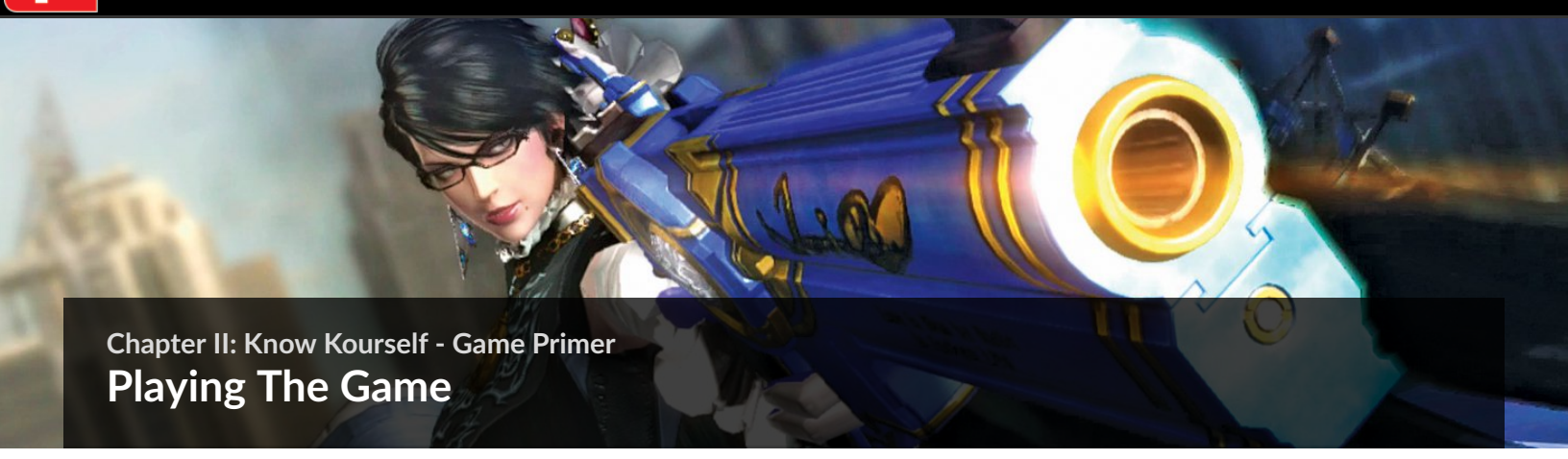

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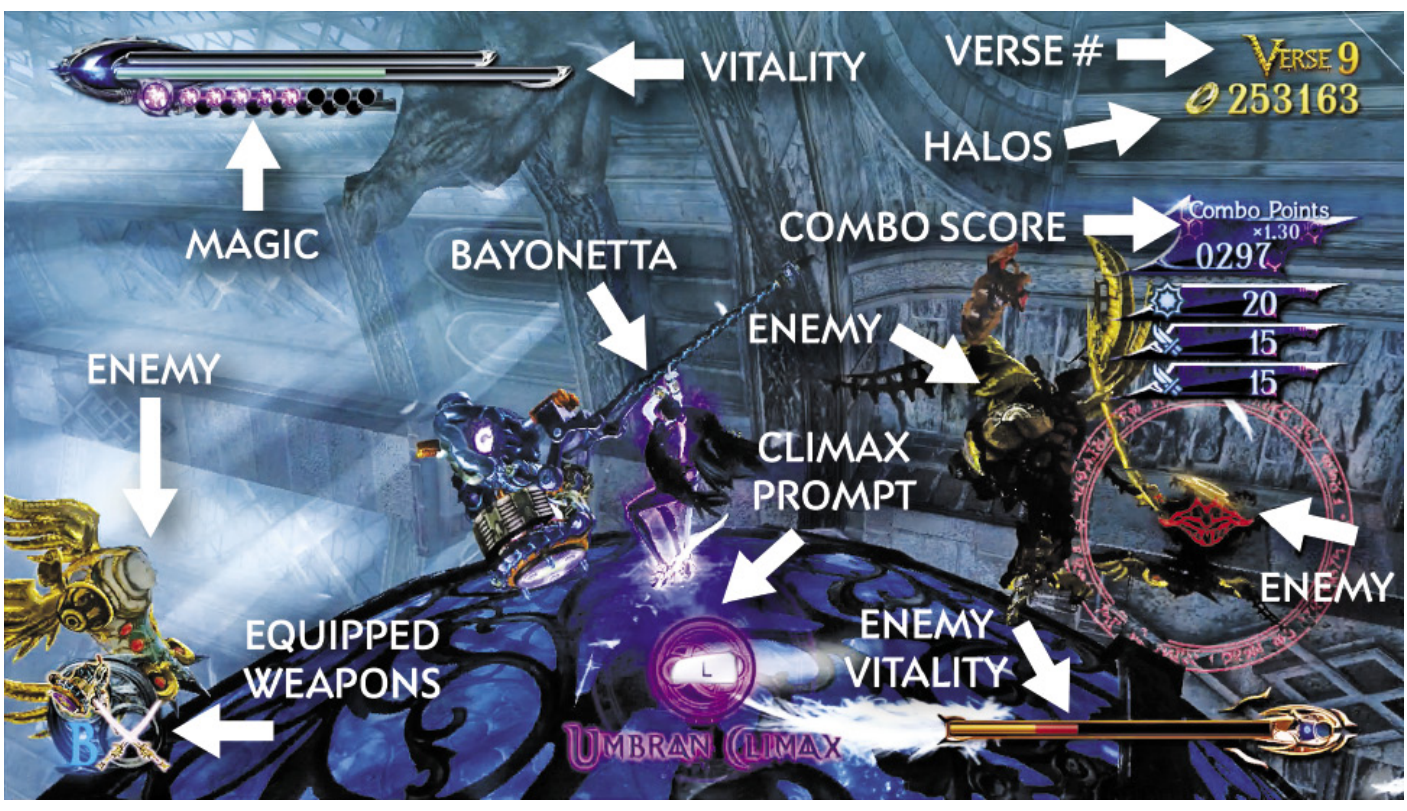
Playing The Game



As you play *Bayonetta 2*, you'll see screens similar to the above. This screen is packed with information that players must internalize to be truly effective in combat.

BAYONETTA

The lady, the legend, the Bayonetta herself! As the player, it's up to you to control her and make sure she defeats foes and overcomes all obstacles, as stylishly and beautifully as possible.

VITALITY

This green gauge represents Bayonetta's total vitality. Avoid being hit by enemy attacks (or missing Quick Time Event prompts) to make sure it never depletes. Should the gauge deplete to zero, it's Game Over.

MAGIC

This set of orbs represents Bayonetta's total magic, which allows her to use abilities like Umbran Climax, Torture Attacks, and some exclusive accessory abilities. Every eight small orbs filled becomes a single large orb. Bayonetta won't be in danger of a Game Over if her magic depletes to zero, but fights become much tougher without access to her enhanced moveset!

VERSE NUMBER

Every Chapter in the game consists of a specific number of battles, or Verses. Overcome as many of these as possible to obtain the highest possible score and ranking for the Chapter.

> **Note**
>
> Some Verses in some Chapters are hidden!They must be located and beaten to ensure the maximum Chapter Rank.

HALOS

Halos (and Orbs) are dropped by enemies when defeated. Exchange these for goods from The Gates of Hell, which add to Bayonetta's impressive combat repertoire.

COMBO SCORE

A key to high Chapter Ranks is achieving high-scoring combos!

ENEMIES

The armies of Paradiso and Inferno are after Bayonetta, and they throw wave after wave of their forces at her. Expect to be constantly fighting foes.

ENEMY VITALITY

Particularly strong enemies have their own vitality gauges. The best way to deplete these is with a flurry of stylish combo attacks. Don't give them an inch!

EQUIPPED WEAPONS

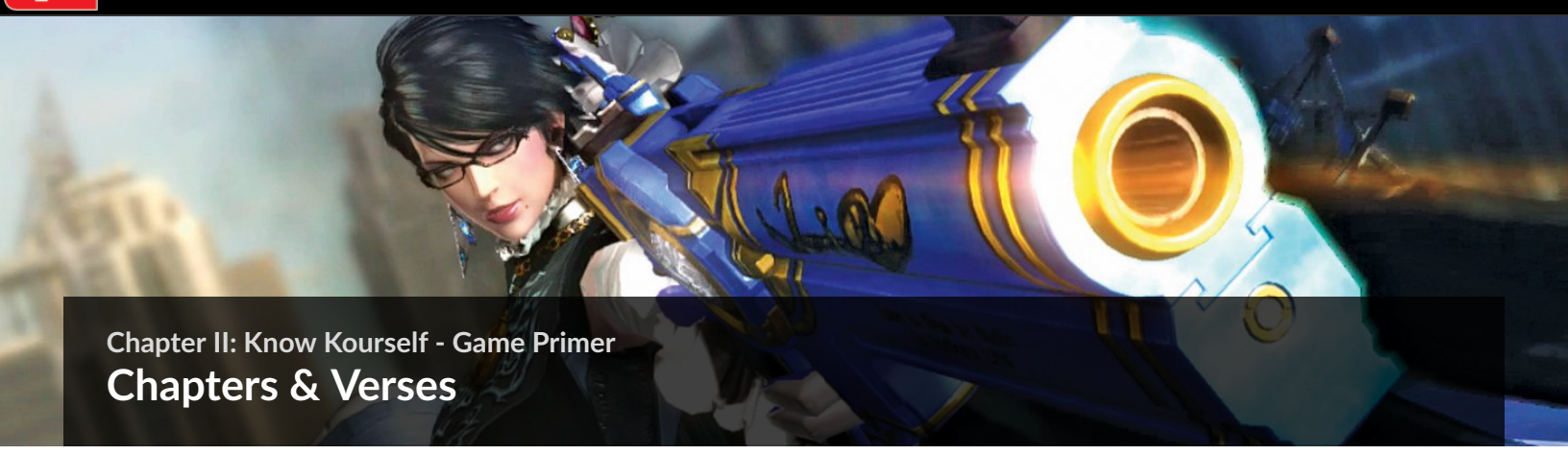
The weapons Bayonetta is currently wielding are always shown here.

EQUIPPED CONSUMABLES

The consumable items Bayonetta currently has equipped are always shown here. (The exception is the Red Hot Shot, which the player is instantly given the option to activate once Bayonetta's vitality is depleted.)

CLIMAX PROMPT

Climax Prompts show up in the lower center of the screen, and are context-sensitive. They can be anything from a Quick Time Event prompt to a Torture Attack prompt to an object interaction prompt, or even just the ability to activate Umbran Climax. Pay attention to these—you never know what actions you might be able to perform next!



Chapters & Verses

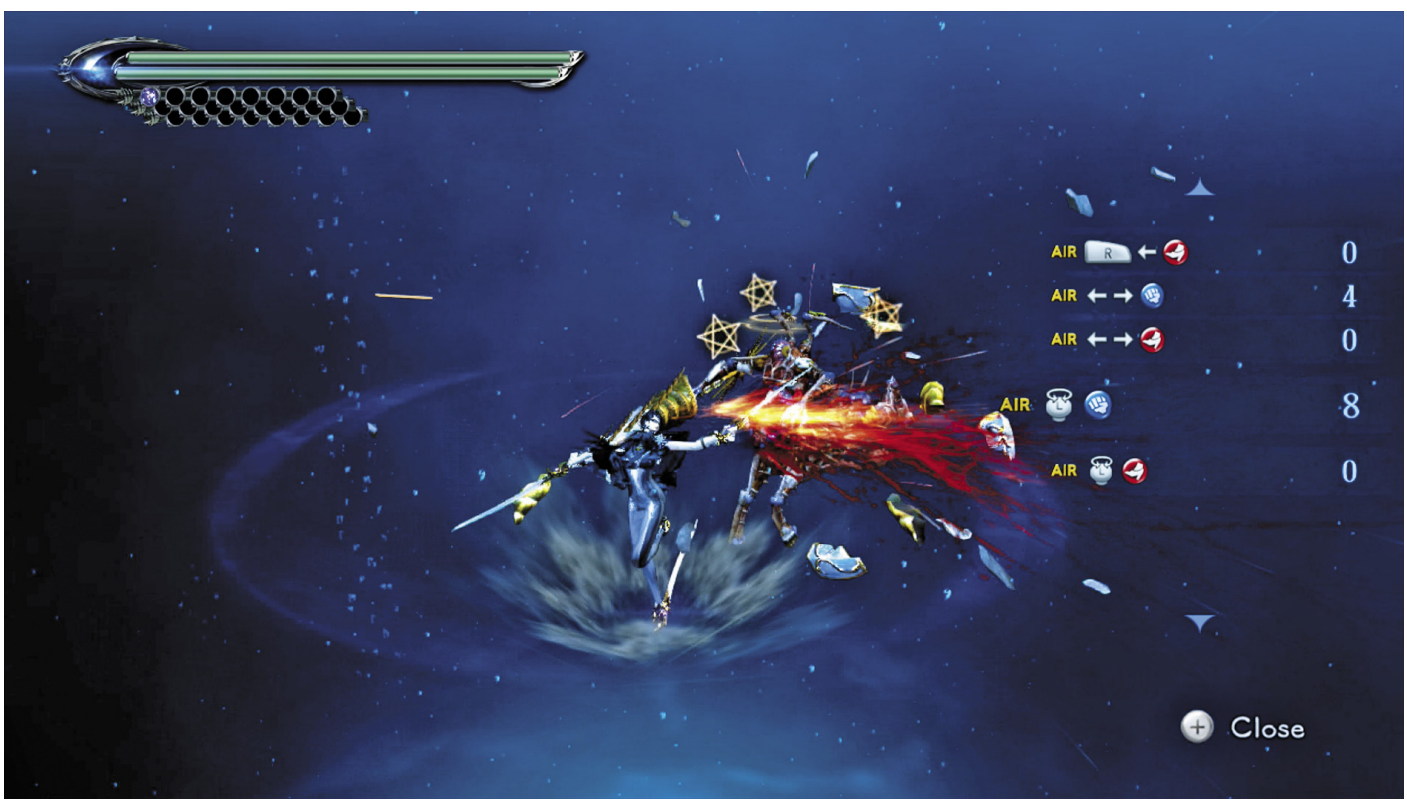
As mentioned above, every Chapter is broken up into Verses, which are battle setpieces placed throughout the game. While some of these are in plain sight, others are hidden and must be found before they can be completed.

Tip

You can keep track of completed Chapters and Verses in the Play History screen. If you see a missed Verse, go back to the Chapter and search around the Verses before and after it! Some hidden Verses require backtracking before they'll appear, or to explore certain areas beforehand.

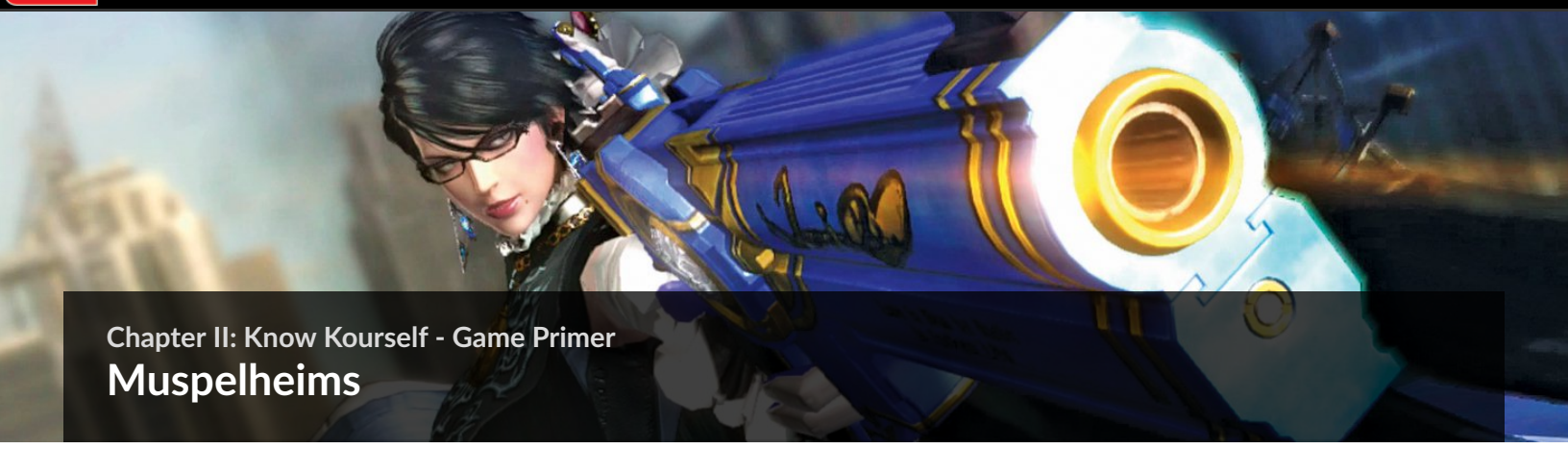
LOADING SCREEN/ PRACTICE SCREEN

The Loading screen is mostly seen between selecting a Chapter and playing the Chapter itself. In this screen players are free to move Bayonetta around and attack.



Press the - button during the Loading screen to activate Practice mode, giving Bayonetta an empty space to practice combos and button techniques, with a movelist by her side.

You can also access the Practice screen from the Chapter Select menu. It functions largely the same as Practice mode, except players get an Acceptance enemy to practice moves on. The Acceptance performs standard attacks, allowing players to practice defensive techniques as well as offensive ones.



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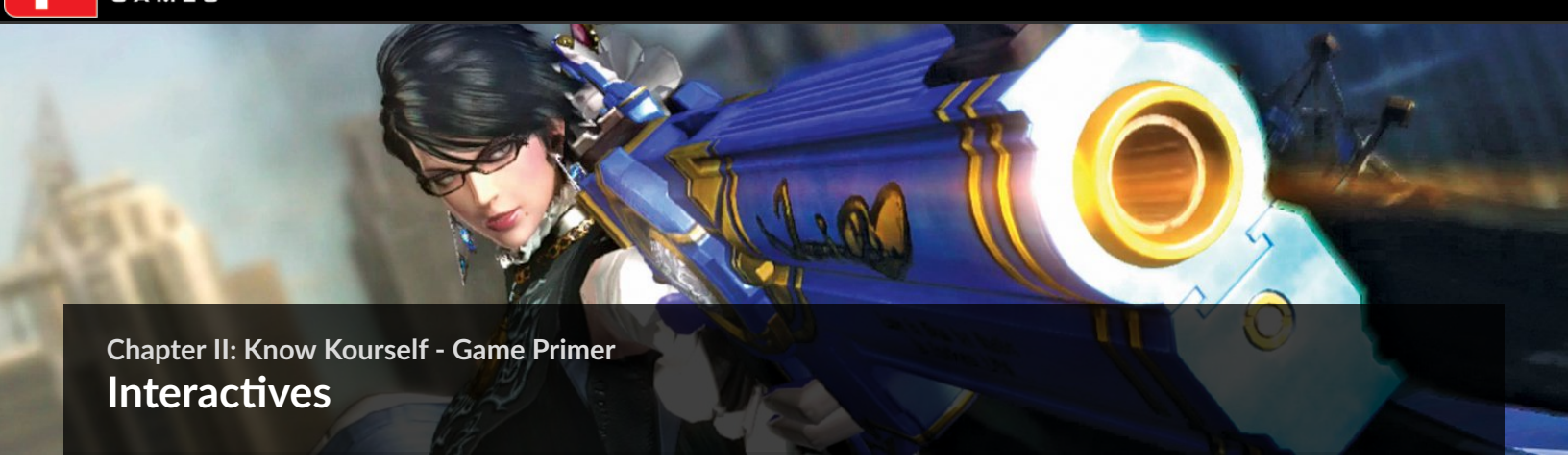
Muspelheims

During the course of the game, Bayonetta will come across blue portals on the ground and walls. These are Muspelheims. Muspelheims are Verses unto themselves—gateways to specialized battle scenarios with special rules. Beat as many of these challenges as you can to gain special collectibles that influence Bayonetta's vitality and magic! The catch is that you can't use your stocked consumable items or certain high-powered accessories. Are you up to the challenge?

Tip

You can check on which Verses are Muspelheims in the Subscreen. If a Muspelheim isn't in obvious or plain sight, search around the stage in between the Verses that come before and after it!



Interactives

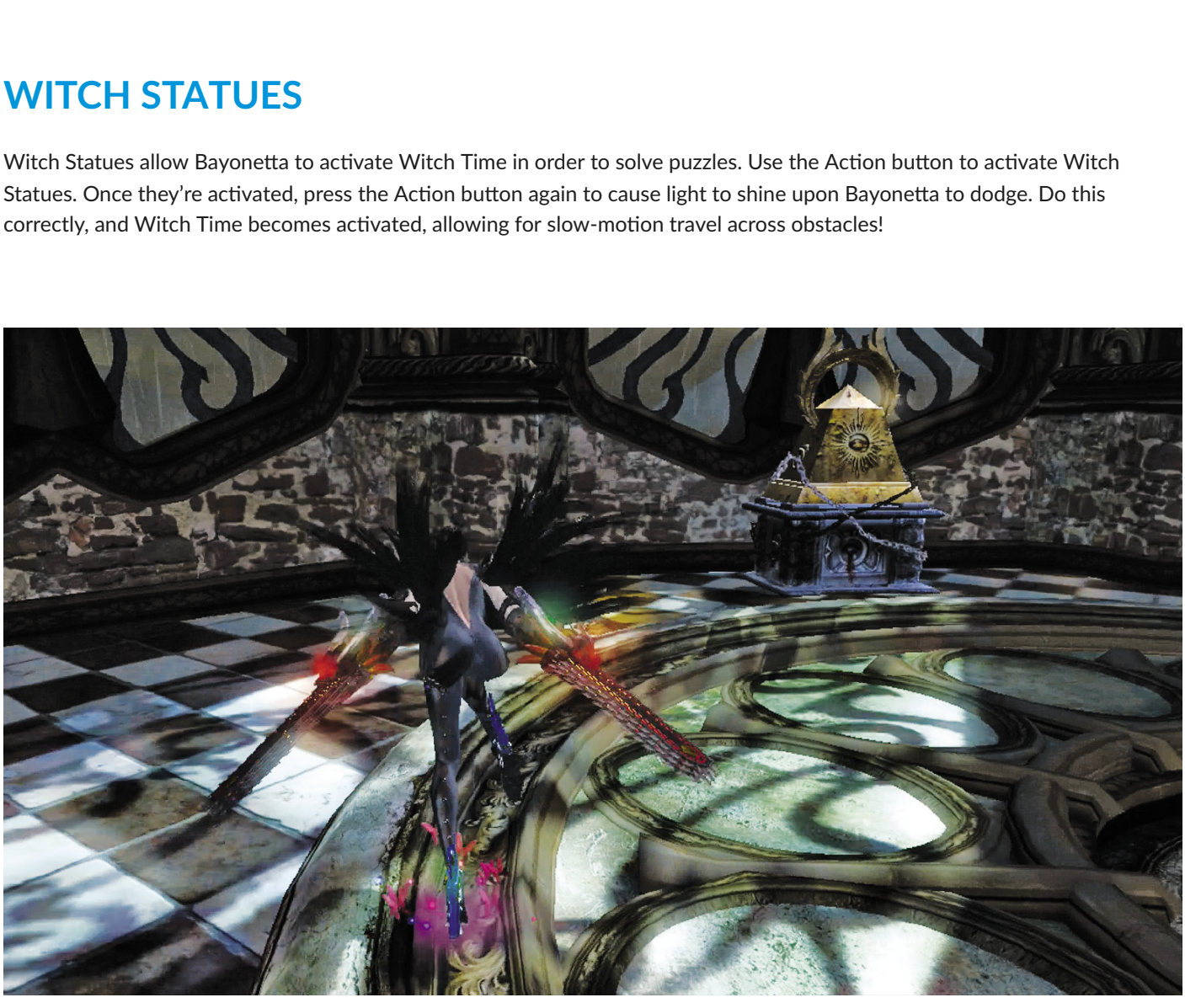
Some objects can be interacted with to clear the way to new areas or provide bonuses. Some need to be interacted with using the Action button, or by attacking them until they're activated.

GOLEM WALLS

Golem Walls block the way to new areas. To get past them, hit them until they break apart and allow Bayonetta to progress!

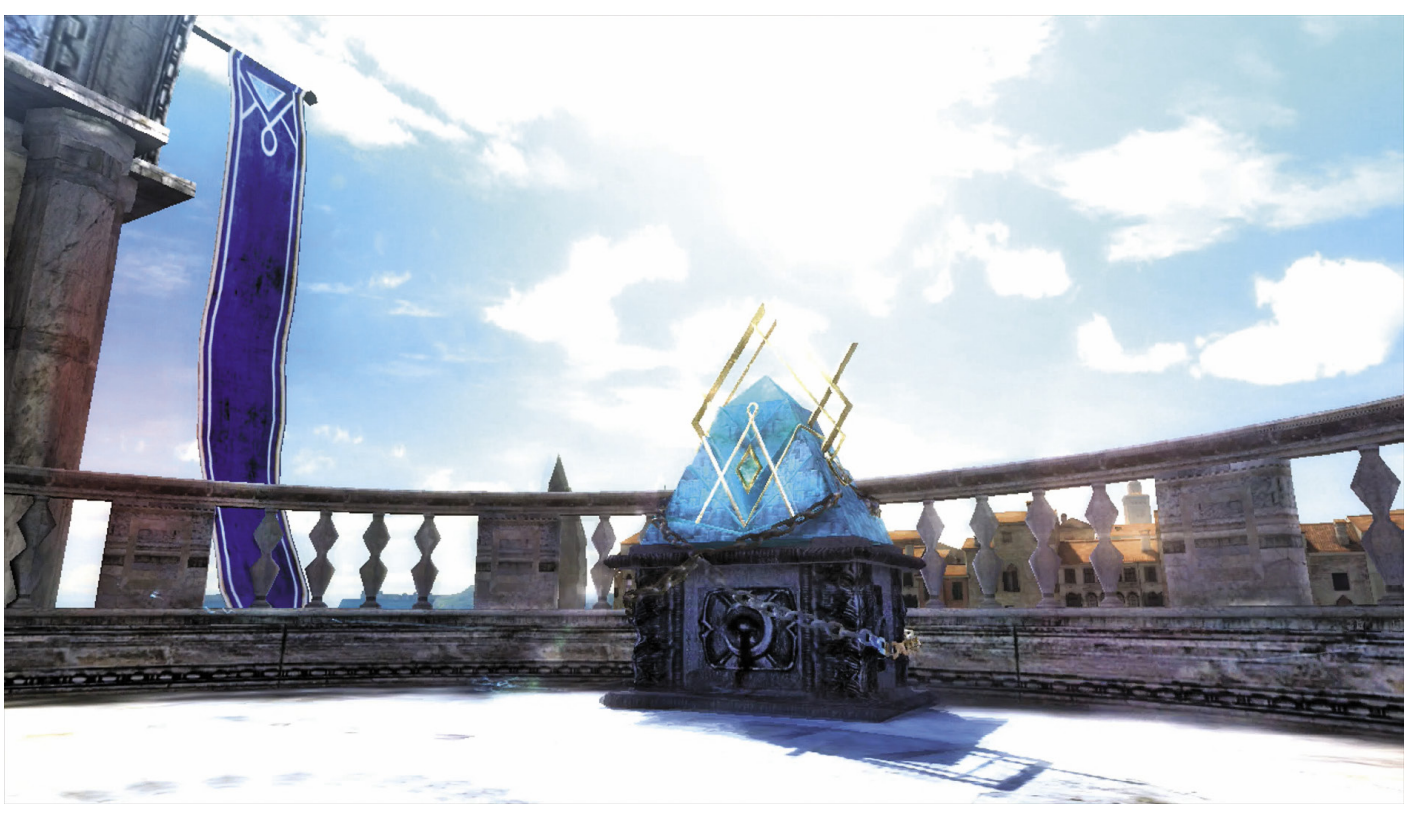
WITCH STATUES

Witch Statues allow Bayonetta to activate Witch Time in order to solve puzzles. Use the Action button to activate Witch Statues. Once they're activated, press the Action button again to cause light to shine upon Bayonetta to dodge. Do this correctly, and Witch Time becomes activated, allowing for slow-motion travel across obstacles!



CHESTS

Chests are scattered all over the game, and contain items to help Bayonetta on her quest. To open a chest, attack it until it yields its contents.

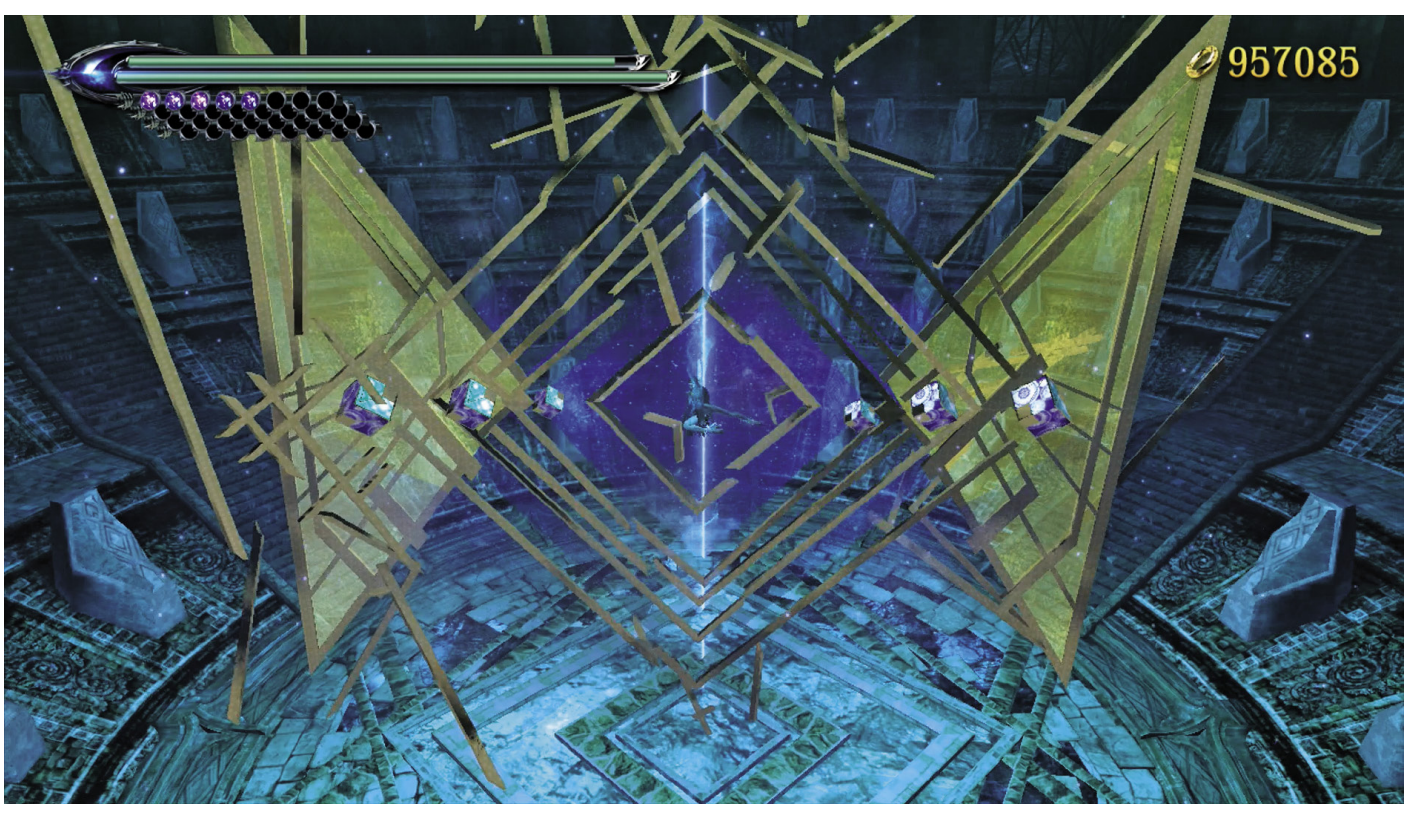


UMBRAN RESTING PLACES

Umbran Resting Places are a lot like chests, except their pieces must first be reassembled. Examine an Umbran Resting Place with the Action button to cause the pieces to scatter. Once the pieces are gathered and assembled, the Umbran Resting Place can be opened in the same way as a chest, by attacking it.

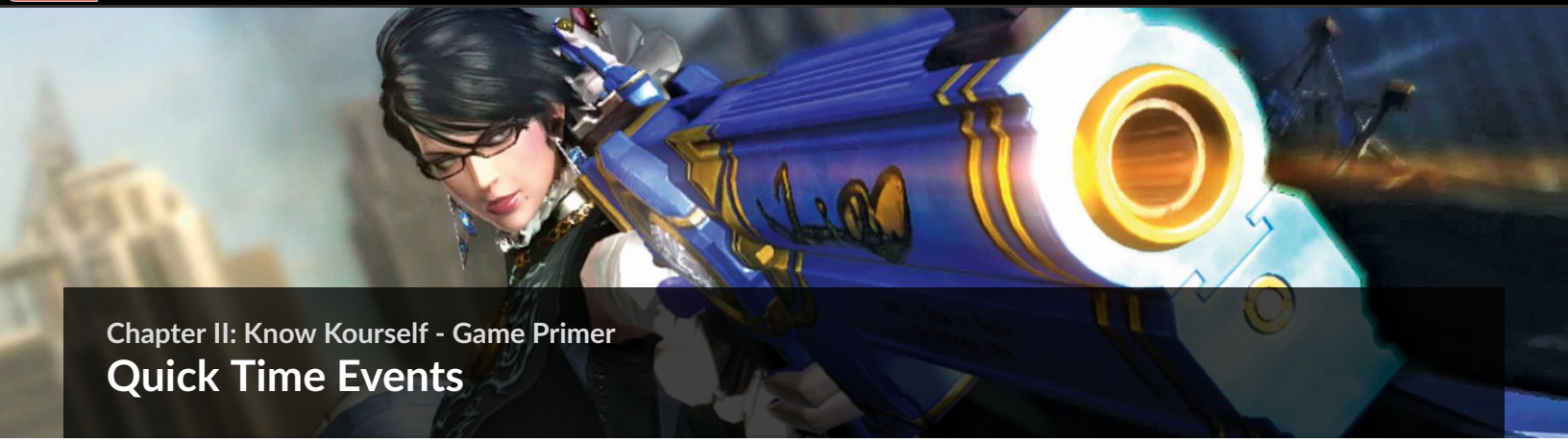
WITCH WALK PORTALS

Witch Walk Portals allow Bayonetta to walk along the walls and ceiling! If you hit a dead end, look for one of these.



POLES

Whenever a Pole shows up, you can be sure that activating it will open paths previously undiscovered. To use a Pole, first walk up to it and press the Action button to interact with it. Bayonetta will then get into position. Rotate the Left Analog Stick and dance, dance, dance!



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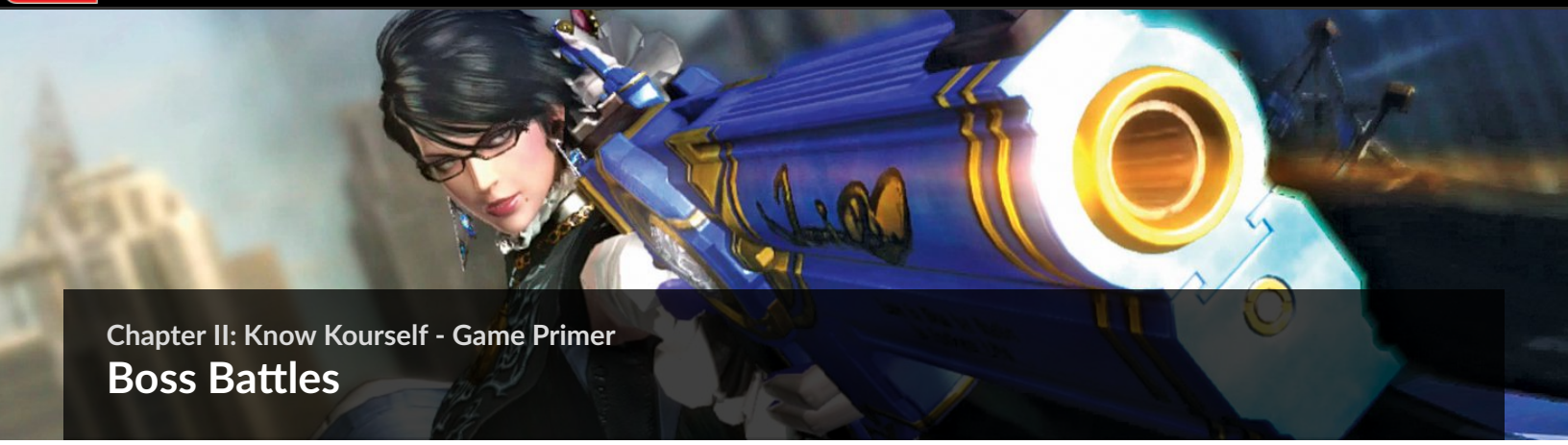
Quick Time Events

Quick Time Events take place during extremely climactic in-game sequences, such as cutscenes or Infernal Demon Summons! These require timed or repeated button presses (or movements of the Left Analog Stick) while the sequence is playing onscreen. Match the prompt shown onscreen to clear the event and progress with the game.



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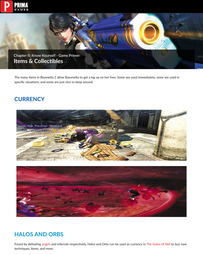
Boss Battles

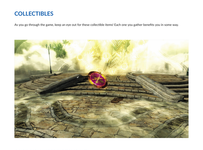
Boss Battles are a fight against a particularly powerful enemy! This enemy might sport a large vitality meter, extra-fast techniques, extra-powerful attacks, or (usually) all of the above! It will take all of your skills to defeat these exceptional foes. Win Boss Battles to gain a Halo bonus.

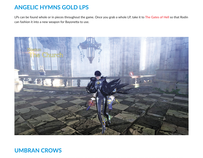


Items & Collectibles

The menu items in Bayonetta 2 allow Bayonetta to get a leg up on her foes. Some are used immediately, some are used in specific situations, and some are just nice to keep around.

CURRENCY





HALOS AND ORBS

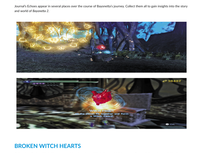
Found by defeating angels and Infernals respectively, Halos and Orbs can be used as currency in The Gates of Hell to buy new techniques, items, and more.

COLLECTIBLES

As you go through the game, keep an eye out for these collectible items! Each one you gather benefits you in some way.

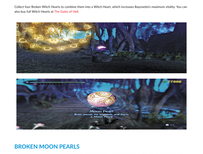
ANGELIC HYMNS GOLD LPS

LPs can be found whole or in pieces throughout the game. Once you grab a whole LP, take it to The Gates of Hell so that Rodin can harbour it into a new weapon for Bayonetta to use.



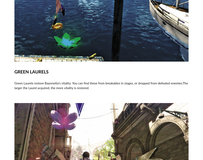
UMBRAN CROWS

Umbran Crows are scattered throughout the game to hunt-to-each-photo. When you find one, quickly scamper up to it and press the Action button to collect it! Collecting Umbran Crows gives stamps to use in Miiverse posts. Catching them all also yields rewards.



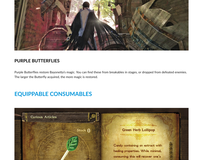
JOURNAL'S ECHOES

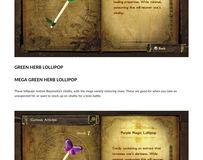
Journal's Echoes appear in several places over the course of Bayonetta's journey. Collect them all to gain insights into the story and world of Bayonetta 2.



BROKEN WITCH HEARTS

Collect four Broken Witch Hearts to combine them into a Witch Heart, which increases Bayonetta's maximum vitality. You can also buy full Witch Hearts at The Gates of Hell.





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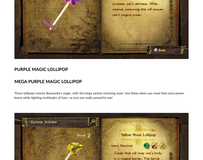

CONSUMABLES

Consumable items can restore or augment Bayonetta's abilities.

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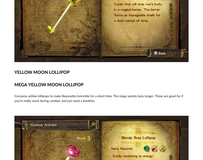
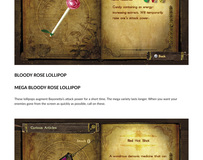
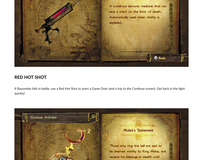




GREEN LAURELS

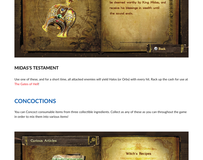
Green Laurels restore Bayonetta's vitality. You can find these from breakables in stages, or dropped from defeated enemies.The larger the Laurel acquired, the more vitality is restored.



PURPLE BUTTERFLIES

Purple Butterflies restore Bayonetta's magic. You can find these from breakables in stages, or dropped from defeated enemies. The larger the Butterfly acquired, the more magic is restored.

EQUIPPABLE CONSUMABLES



GREEN HERB LOLLIPOP

MEGA GREEN HERB LOLLIPOP

Three lollipops restore Bayonetta's vitality, with the mega variety restoring more. These are good for when you take an unexpected hit, or want to stock up on vitality for a boss battle.

PURPLE MAGIC LOLLIPOP

MEGA PURPLE MAGIC LOLLIPOP

Three lollipops restore Bayonetta's magic, with the mega variety restoring more. Use these when you need that extra power boost while fighting multitudes of foes, or just one really powerful one!

YELLOW MOON LOLLIPOP

MEGA YELLOW MOON LOLLIPOP

Consume yellow lollipops to make Bayonetta invincible for a short time. The mega variety lasts longer. These are good for if you're really stuck during combat, and just need a breather.

BLOODY ROSE LOLLIPOP

MEGA BLOODY ROSE LOLLIPOP

These lollipops augment Bayonetta's attack power for a short time. The mega variety lasts longer. When you want your enemies gone from the screen as quickly as possible, call on these.

RED HOT SHOT

A Bayonetta take to battle, use a Red Hot Shot to avert a Curse Over (and a trip to the Cereboo screen). Get back in the fight quicker!

MIDAS'S TESTAMENT

Use one of these, and for a short time, all attacked enemies will yield Halos (or Orbs) with every hit. Rack up the cash for use at The Gates of Hell!

CONCOCTIONS

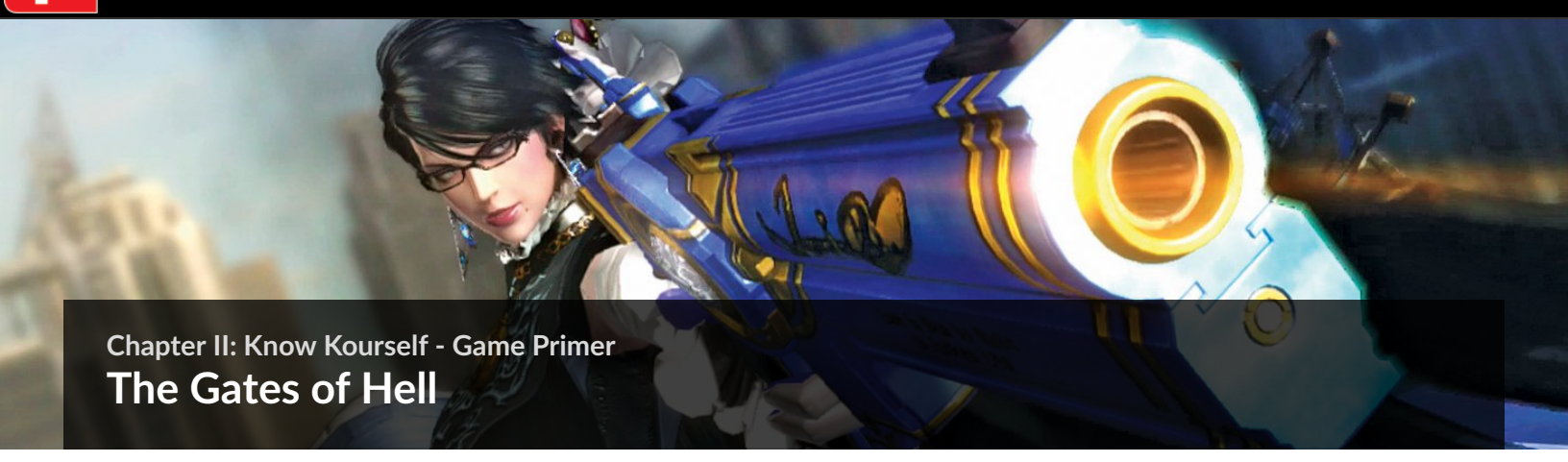
You can Concoct consumable items from three collectible ingredients. Collect as any of these as you can throughout the game in order to mix them into various items!

RECIPES

The three ingredients used for Concocting new items into Witch's Recipes are Manabeans Root (green), Unicorn Horn (red), and Baked Gecko (yellow). They have no other in-game use.

Below are the recipes used to create various items, and the ingredients required.

CONCOCTION	INGREDIENTS
Green Herb Lollipop	10 MANABEANSA ROOT / 3 UNICORN HORN / 3 BAKED GECKO
Mega Green Herb Lollipop	15 Manabeans Root / 3 Unicorn Horn / 3 Baked Gecko
Purple Magic Lollipop	5 Manabeans Root / 3 Unicorn Horn / 3 Baked Gecko
Mega Purple Magic Lollipop	10 Manabeans Root / 3 Unicorn Horn / 3 Baked Gecko
Bloody Rose Lollipop	0 Manabeans Root / 10 Unicorn Horn / 3 Baked Gecko
Mega Bloody Rose Lollipop	0 Manabeans Root / 15 Unicorn Horn / 3 Baked Gecko
Yellow Moon Lollipop	0 Manabeans Root / 0 Unicorn Horn / 10 Baked Gecko
Mega Yellow Moon Lollipop	0 Manabeans Root / 0 Unicorn Horn / 15 Baked Gecko
Midas's Testament	10 Manabeans Root / 10 Unicorn Horn / 10 Baked Gecko



Chapter II: Know Kourself - Game Primer

The Gates of Hell

FOR ALL YOUR WITCH'S NEEDS!

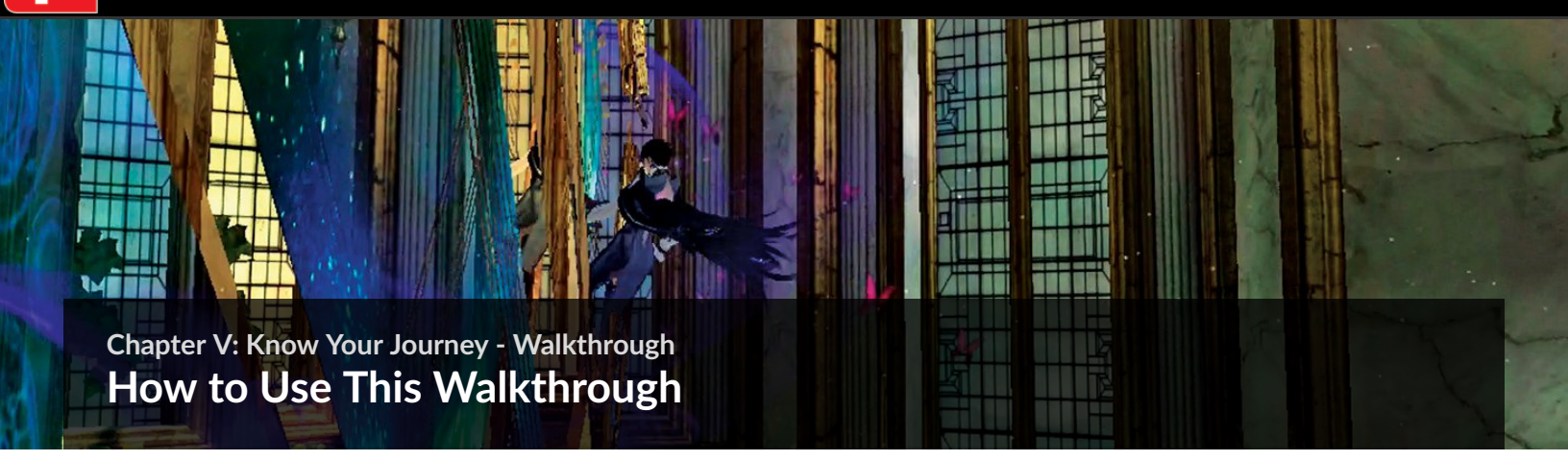
Rodin, the coolest cat in Inferno, runs the The Gates of Hell shop, where witches can buy techniques, accessories, weapons, items, costumes, and other goodies. During your first foray through the game, you'll be spending a lot of time here, but even after you've beaten the game once, The Gates of Hell still has secrets to share...

ACCESSORIES	COST
Selene's Light	100000
Infernal Communicator	100000
Pulley's Butterfly	100000
Star of Dinéta	100000
Evil Harvest Rosary	100000
Gaze of Despair	100000
Mallet of Rewards	100000
Moon of Mahaa-Kalaa	200000
Earrings of Ruin	500000
Immortal Marionette	100000
Bracelet of Time	200000
Climax Brace 2	500000
Eternal Testimony	500000
Climax Brace	500000
ITEMS	**COST**
Green Herb Lollipop	2000
Mega Green Herb Lollipop	3500
Purple Magic Lollipop	5000
Mega Purple Magic Lollipop	8000
Bloody Rose Lollipop	5000
Mega Bloody Rose Lollipop	8000
Yellow Moon Lollipop	3000
Mega Yellow Moon Lollipop	5000
Midas's Testament	5000
Red Hot Shot	5000
Witch Heart	30000*
Moon Pearl	30000*
TECHNIQUES	**COST**
Stiletto	20000
Heel Slide	20000
After Burner Kick	20000
Tetsuzanko	30000
Heel Stomp	30000
Witch Strike	15000
Witch Twist	15000
Heel Tornado	15000
Breakdance	15000
Charge Bullet	20000
Bat Within / Moth Within / Hornet Within	30000
Crow Within / Owl Within / Falcon Within	20000
Umbran Spear	20000

WEAPONS	COST
Rakshasa Alt. / Rasetsu Alt.	29800
Undine Alt. / Rusalka Alt.	49800
Salamandra Alt. / Agni Alt.	69800
Alruna Alt.	89800

RODIN'S TREASURES	COST
Umbran Elegance (Rakshasa)	30000
Umbran Elegance (Kafka)	30000
Umbran Elegance (Chernobog)	30000
Umbran Elegance (Takemikazuchi)	30000
Umbran Elegance (Chain Chomp)	30000
Super Mirror 2	100000
Couture Bullet (Schoolgirl)	100000
Couture Bullet (Police Woman)	100000
Couture Bullet (Witch Apprentice)	100000
Couture Bullet (Metal Witch)	100000
Couture Bullet (Dress)	100000
Couture Bullet (Uniformed) [Jeanne Only]	100000
Super Mirror 64-2	100000
Couture Bullet (Mushroom Kingdom Princess)	100000
Couture Bullet (Sarasaland Princess)	100000
Couture Bullet (Hero of Hyrule)	100000
Couture Bullet (Galactic Bounty Hunter)	100000
Super Mirror	100000
Couture Bullet (Old-Old Hairstyle)	100000
Couture Bullet (Nun-Old Hairstyle)	100000
Couture Bullet (Uniformed-Old Hairstyle) [Jeanne Only]	100000
Super Mirror 64	100000
Couture Bullet (Sarasaland Princess-Old Hairstyle)	100000
Couture Bullet (Hero of Hyrule-Old Hairstyle)	100000
Couture Bullet (Galactic Bounty Hunter-Old Hairstyle)	100000
Platinum Ticket	9999999

*(Gradually increases to 100000 with each purchase. Only 5 Witch Hearts and 8 Moon Pearls can be bought before becoming sold out.)



Chapter V: Know Your Journey - Walkthrough

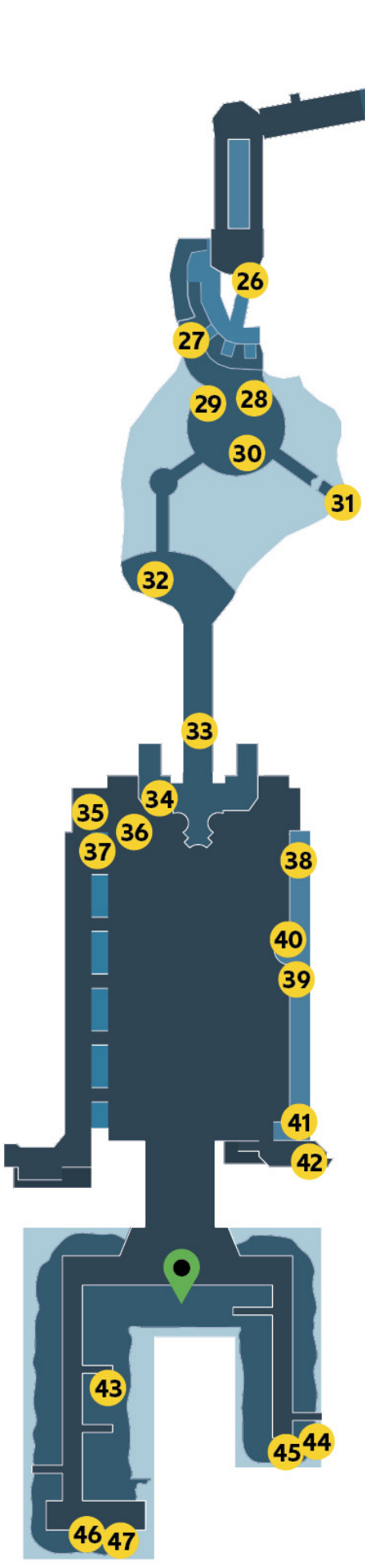
How to Use This Walkthrough

Bayonetta 2's Story mode is organized as follows: Records of Time, Prologue, and 16 Chapters, and the Lost Chapter (consisting of five Witch Trials). This section of this guide shows you how to navigate through the Chapters, locate all hidden collectibles, and beat every Verse in every Chapter.

MAPS

The 16 Story Chapters contain maps when applicable, showing the locations of all Verses. Number callouts point to locations on the maps, referring to specific parts of the walkthrough denoting key points of interest, collectibles, or helpful navigation advice.

Every map includes a key to illustrate what all of the numbers mean. For select stages, a green marker denoting the starting point is provided.



25. BROKEN WITCH HEART (4/40)
26. (STANDARD) VERSE 4
27. (MUSPELHEIM) VERSE 3: Yields Broken Moon Pearl (2/16)
28. GREEN HERB LOLLIPOP
29. BROKEN WITCH HEART (10/40) (underneath)
30. STANDARD (VERSE 2)
31. BROKEN WITCH HEART (3/40)
32. JOURNAL'S ECHO
33. JOURNAL'S ECHO
34. BROKEN WITCH HEART (2/40)
35. (MUSPELHEIM) VERSE 1: Yields Broken Witch Heart (1/40)
36. UMBRAN CROW (2/20)
37. JOURNAL'S ECHO
38. BLOODY ROSE LOLLIPOP
39. JOURNAL'S ECHO
40. BROKEN MOON PEARL (1/16)
41. GREEN HERB LOLLIPOP
42. PURPLE MAGIC LOLLIPOP
43. HALOS
44. UMBRAN CROW (1/20)
45. YELLOW MOON LOLLIPOP
46. BROKEN WITCH HEART (9/10) (Underneath)
47. JOURNAL'S ECHO

VERSE GUIDES

The walkthrough places special emphasis on the ranked Verses that appear in each Chapter. When you reach a Verse location, the guide indicates which Verse you've reached and shows the score requirements necessary to achieve specific medal ranks across all difficulties, along with what enemies you'll face on 1st Climax through 3rd Climax difficulty and on ∞ Climax difficulty. The text details any useful advice about fighting enemies at that location, including suggested weaponry to use, and useful tips on how to obtain the coveted Pure Platinum rank in the majority of Verses.

All Verses are detailed in their own Verse sections, whether they are standard Verses that you come across if you progress straight through a Chapter, secret Verses that require you to backtrack through an area to activate them, or the hidden Muspelheim portal Verses scattered through every Chapter.

Be Forewarned

This is a spoiler-light Walkthrough, but enemy reveals and whatnot can give away some details!

DIFFICULTY BREAKDOWNS

Most battles change entirely when playing on ∞ Climax difficulty, providing extra or different enemies that you normally would not encounter on lower difficulty settings. For those sections, the guide contains specific advice for dealing with those types of situations.

ENEMY SPOTLIGHT

As you progress through the game, you encounter new types of enemies. We highlight these new encounters—the battles that introduce enemy types—and go into greater detail on how to defeat these new foes.

Note

Pure Platinum tips assume that you've played through the game at least once, and are coming in with the advantages (such as armaments) that such a situation provides. Check the Know Your Potential (Combat Primer: Advanced) section for weapons and accessories that can help you prepare to achieve these ranks.

Tip

These tip boxes are placed in the walkthrough whenever there are special strategies relevant to specific points in a stage. Just as in The Gates of Hell, whenever you need that extra edge, look for a face you can trust.

UMBRAN RESTING PLACES

The special Umbran Witch Resting Places contain upgrades and restorative items. However, before you can open them, you must collect their scattered pieces. Boxouts show strategies for collecting these in an efficient manner.

LOST CHAPTER AND TAG CLIMAX

Even after completing Story mode, there's still more *Bayonetta 2* to be had in Lost Chapter and Tag Climax. Two more walkthrough chapters cover these special modes, once again listing the medal ranking requirements and any pertinent information about what to expect during these missions.

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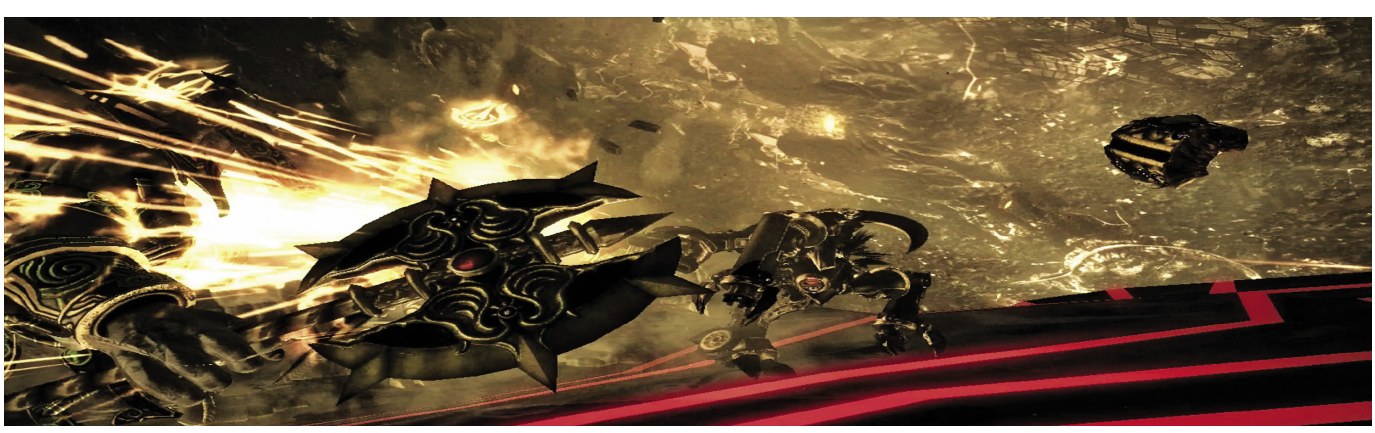
Records of Time: The End



1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX3RD CLIMAX/∞ CLIMAX

This battle is completely unranked—it doesn't even show up in the Play History Menu! If you're seeing this mission, you're likely a first-time player (or at least are playing from a clean save file). As such, your only mission is to familiarize yourself with the style of the game and the basic actions that Bayonetta can perform. Try out a few combos, and see which button sequences lead to combos that you're personally comfortable with. This will be valuable knowledge to take with you into the game proper.

Watch out for hazards out of your reach, such as this giant laser. Dodge out of the way!

Further into the Records of Time, Bayonetta calls upon the powerful Umbran Armor, which you'll see again much later in the game. Enjoy the fleeting taste of power!

The last battle pits Bayonetta against the titanic angel Valiance. Avoid his slow sword swings and fight back using Bayonetta's air combat tactics!

Chapter 3: Save Your Journey - Part Three
Prologue: Shadows of Chaos

Just like the Records of Time, the Prologue Arena players directly into the action—after a lengthy scenario-setting opening cutscene, of course. Enjoy the theatrics, then get to work.

VERSE 1

ENEMY SPOTLIGHT: Acceptance

Acceptance come in two varieties: spear wielders and bow wielders. Spear wielders are the more dangerous of the two, as they have the longer reach. They wobble like their arrows into the sky, which is sure home in on Bayonetta and run down dodgers with ease. The arrows are usually the easier of the two to dodge, but in a large pattern such as the ground-shock the final arrows are dead on target.

PHASE 1

1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX

Enemies: Acceptance (Spear) x3

Acceptances are great enemies to practice on when it comes to dodging and retaliating during Witch Time. In fact, you're given the ideal setup in the arena, as through the back end of along the arena.

If this is your first playthrough, you'll be using standard handguns. Simply dodge enemy attacks and counter with your own.

+ CLIMAX

Enemies: Acceptance (Spear) x3, Fidelity x1

The Acceptances are joined by a Fidelity, meaning that you have to watch out for even faster movements and attacks! Try to keep your distance and use ranged swings, like going for the Pistols during Witch Time so it never even has a chance to mount an offensive against you.

GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!

SUGGESTED WEAPONS: Salamandra (Arms & Legs)

The Salamandra makes short work of the Acceptances with its fiery attacks and long-reaching moves by. Hold down the P or K buttons as you let it range about the field and more points, dodging when and when necessary.

If this is your first playthrough, Bullet switches out your handguns for the Love & Peac. Yes! Now you've got real guns that you can mould multiform fists on stupid—with!

PHASE 2

1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX

Enemies: Acceptance (Sword) x4

The last phase was just a taste of what was to come in this one! You face even more Acceptances now. Fortunately they come in waves: you never face more than three at a time. Dodge their attacks and hit them with your best shots.

If you're playing for the first time, the game invites you to try building up your magic gauge for Torture Attacks and Umbran Climax. Try them out, and take note of their power.

+ CLIMAX

Enemies: Acceptance (x) Scharm x1

As Umbran joins the proceedings, suddenly making the fighting plane feel a whole lot smaller. You'll be dodging a lot in this battle, but the Umbran's attacks are quite telegraphed.

GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!

SUGGESTED WEAPONS: Salamandra (Arms), Alraune (Legs)

Follow the above strategies while slung up all of your enemies as quickly as possible. For + Climax, equip the Alraune to your legs and hold K during Witch Time or Umbran Climax to draw the enemies and hold them in a state of tangle.

When you're cleared out the enemies, hold the Taunt button to give yourself the best chance of healing your combo after the encounter. Even though all three phases in this only way to guarantee getting a Platinum Score medal for the Umbran Climax.

If Valkenor engages you in a Gun Trick Event. Press the presented button as quickly as possible to reach the Valkyrie, then get ready to fight hand-to-hand once more.

Caution

Keep an eye out for Glamour, who hovers around the arena, activating any hits it heals. He'll try to swipe at you—watch the hits that have the most, the ones that do the most.

PHASE 3

1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX

Enemies: (LOOPING) Accolade (Sword x2, Acceptance (Sword) x4

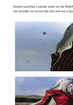
More space! More space! A space-wielding Accolade joins the party, which means you have to watch out for wider spear swings than ever. Remember: Witch Time is your friend.

+ CLIMAX

Enemies: (LOOPING) Acceptance (Harp) x2, Accolade (Hammer) x1, Acceptance (Spear) x4, Accolade (Sword) x1, Accolade (Twin Blades) x1

You're sure you've seen all enemies to deal with here, but again, there's always more with an arena! The most dangerous of them are the hammer- and twin blades-wielding Accolades. When facing these, do your best not to get crowded into a fight with multiple enemies surrounding you. Instead, maintain the distance to keep Witch Time active and defeat the Accolades without getting too wound-tied-tight.

GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!



SUGGESTED WEAPONS: Salamandra (Arms & Legs)

As usual, the Salamandra makes great home fillers. The only trick here with following the above strategies is keeping an eye out for incoming attacks that hit hard while you're trying to get in your extended dives. Don't be afraid to dodge away and for that gun if you're about to take a hit.

PROWESS	1ST CLIMAX			2ND CLIMAX			3RD CLIMAX			+ CLIMAX		
	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO
PLATINUM	02:30	0	237578	02:50	0	237575	03:00	0	237578	03:50	0	237578
GOLD	03:30	300	97500	03:50	400	97500	04:00	1200	97500	04:50	2400	97500
SILVER	05:30	600	42720	05:50	1200	42720	05:40	2400	42720	04:50	4800	
BRONZE	05:50	900	27799	05:50	1800	27799	04:00	3600	27799	04:20	7200	
BRONZE (FINAL ATTEMPT)												

VERSE 2

ENEMY SPOTLIGHT: Bullet

Bullets are gigantic enemies who attack with their feet and their massive arms only. They're slower than you'd think, but faster than you'd hope. Once you receive the Wicked weapon, keeping those guys at bay will be child's play. Until then, though, they're a bit of a nuisance. Watch out for their ground-slam maneuver, by close Bullet has the chance to attack with its legs and arms, as well as out-lumbering close!

Tip

When Bullet approaches, the screen freezes for a moment. Use this time to prepare your dodge button and start the fight with a Witch Time advantage!

1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX/+ CLIMAX

Enemies: Bullet x3

You're fighting Bullet! Angry is bad. Don't worry about a lack of touch. The Bullet' time to use its massive relay are to crush you into the train. Dodge whenever the arm gets close, and retaliate during Witch Time. Repeat until Jeanne comes by to unwind footage.

Jeanne launches a missile strike on the Bullet, knocking it away from the train, but it manages to hold on via its wiry arm! You will actually on across the arm and use a Quick Time Event to damage it further.

Beat up on the Bullet some more, and Jeanne now joins the fight for real. It's best to over Witch Jeanne on your side the fight. Jeanne is more reliable, but you still have to keep your wits about you. Try not to get too close unless you're really sure of yourself—being in close allows the Bullet to get in more attacks than it normally can, plus quit remembering other. You can also offer a Quick Time Event here as well for a powerful finishing blow.

GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!

SUGGESTED WEAPONS: Salamandra (Arms), Alraune (Legs)

You won't be able to use the Alraune to great effect during the train, but don't be afraid to do so during the team-up with Jeanne.

Don't take any of the Quick Time Event opportunities here—they only eat up time and give you very little score for it. Instead, focus on dodging and retaliating during Witch Time. Jeanne can help you there, too, by keeping up with Jeanne, being in close means having to dodge extra attacks, but it'll keep Umbran Climax up that way you can keep Jeanne busy.

Once the Bullet is dealt with, Jeanne transforms into Infernal Demon Gomorrah to dispatch it once and for all. Press the buttons as quickly as possible for this cinematic Quick Time Event.

Afterward, after this, Gomorrah breaks its contract and attacks Bayonetta herself! It's time for one more battle!

PROWESS	1ST CLIMAX			2ND CLIMAX			3RD CLIMAX			+ CLIMAX		
	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO
PLATINUM	02:00	0	727758	02:15	0	727761	02:55	0	727758	02:15	0	727758
GOLD	02:20	750	304900	02:20	1350	304900	02:20	2880	304900	02:20	3000	
SILVER	02:25	1000	20440	02:25	2000	20440	02:25	2800	20440	02:25	4500	
BRONZE	05:30	1250	9980	02:30	2500	9980	02:30	3600	9980	02:30	6000	
BRONZE (FINAL ATTEMPT)												

VERSE 3 BOSS: GOMORRAH

1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX/+ CLIMAX

Enemy: Gomorrah

Flight mode, activated! Bayonetta sprouts wings and takes on her former titanic ally as he climbs atop a skyscraper. Bayonetta can move in any direction on the x-axis while flying. Use this freedom to keep her out of harm's way.

Gomorrah's main attacks are ranging fires, swipes from his arms, swipes from his tail, and fire breath. Dodge these, and don't forget to retaliate during Witch Time. Gomorrah's fire breath is a wide-ranging attack that can be hard to dodge. Whenever you're far from him, keep shooting him with your Arsha Hydra gun attack or other ranged weapon. Never stop dealing damage!

Finally, if Gomorrah tries to inhale you, fly in the opposite direction as quickly as possible! If you can't, you have to undergo a Quick Time Event to avoid getting crunched.

Whittle down Gomorrah's vitality and you'll undergo a climactic Quick Time Event. Rotate the Left Analog Stick to out him some fire power!

GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!

SUGGESTED WEAPONS: Salamandra (Arms & Legs)

Follow the above strategies, making Salamandra your melee weapon of choice. Don't be afraid to use the Punish prompts here—they deal tons of damage to help out with your Time score.

POST-CHAPTER SPOILS NONE

PROWESS	1ST CLIMAX			2ND CLIMAX			3RD CLIMAX			+ CLIMAX		
	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO
PLATINUM	02:10	0	59640	02:50	0	59640	02:10	0	59640	02:50	0	
GOLD	02:30	400	23040	02:50	1200	23040	02:30	1400	23040	02:50	3600	
SILVER	02:30	1200	17550	02:30	2400	17550	02:30	3400	17550	02:30	4500	
BRONZE	02:10	1800	8460	02:10	3600	8460	02:10	4400	8460	02:00	6000	
BRONZE (FINAL ATTEMPT)	03000			03000			03000			03000		

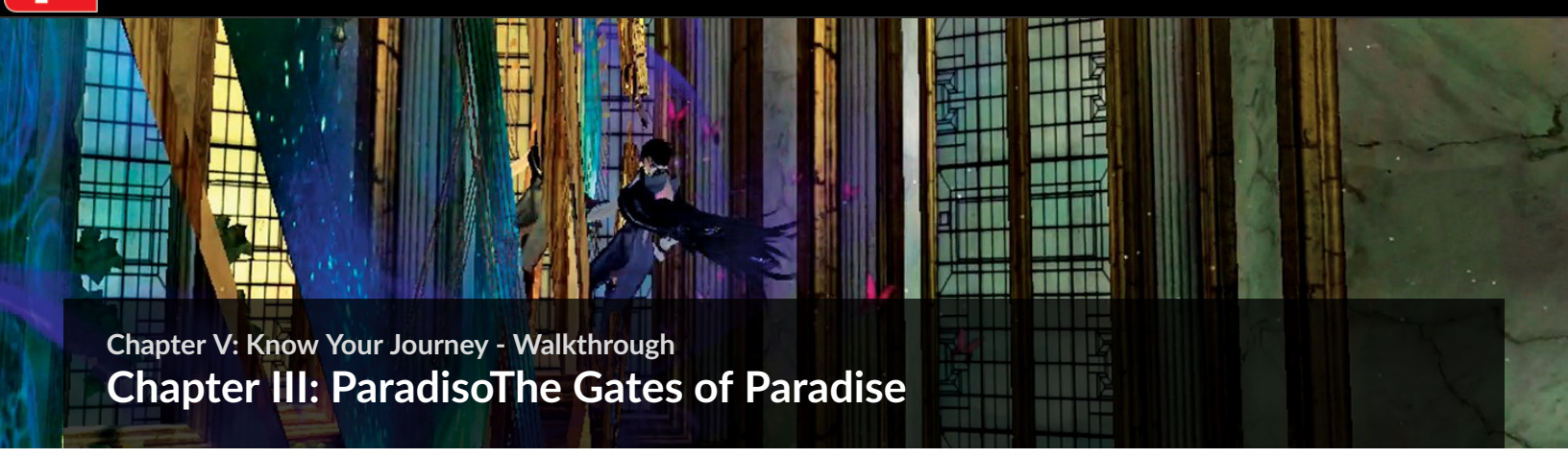
Chapter 5, 3: Reconciliation Of Trials

Previous Chapter: Chapter 5, 2: Trial of Fire
Next Chapter: Chapter 5, 4: Trial of Water

Enter Sandrone and you will start your quest in the Trial of Wind. Head to the right and you will see a Hilichurl Shooter. Use **Pyro Burst Shot Attack** to defeat it and proceed to the next area.

Head to the next area and you will see a Hilichurl Shooter and a Hilichurl Rocketeer. Use **Pyro Burst Shot Attack** to defeat them and proceed to the next area.

Pyro Burst Shot Attack

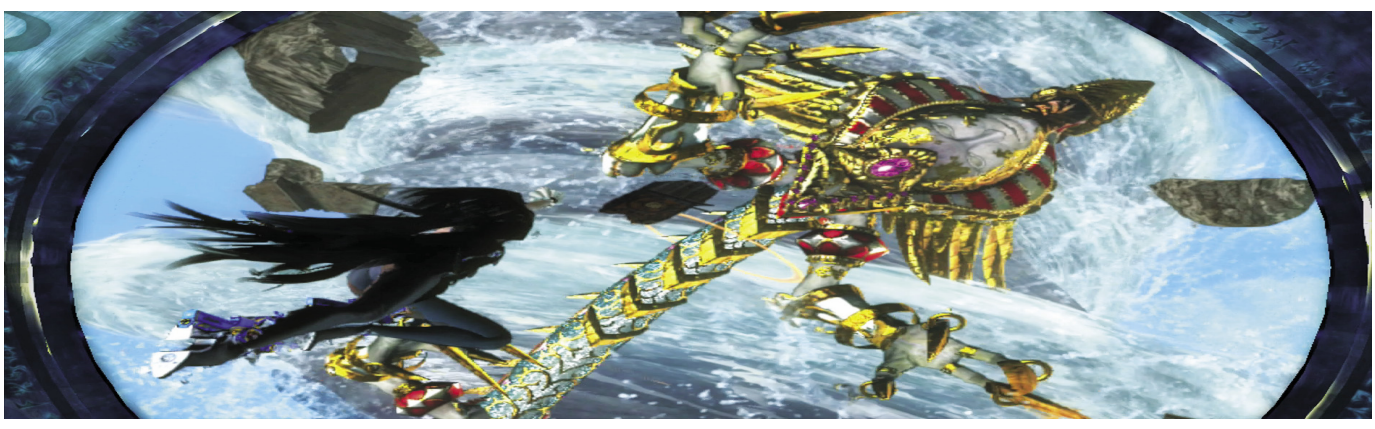


Chapter III: ParadisoThe Gates of Paradise

VERSE 1

BOSS: Glamor

It's time for the final showdown with Glamor, the boss that's been heckling you since the beginning of the game! Naturally, he won't go down easily.



1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX/∞ CLIMAX (GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!)

SUGGESTED PURE PLATINUM WEAPONS: Salamandra (Arms)

Enemy: Glamor (2 Phases)

PHASE 1

You begin your battle against Glamor surfing on a piece of debris. Glamor will only surface occasionally, and from far away. Hit him with ranged attacks such as your standard Action button gun, Love Is Blue, or even the Kafka, until he decides he's ready to come to you. Dodge the pieces of building that he throws at you.

When Glamor strikes, that's your cue to dodge, and hit him with your strongest melee attacks during Witch Time!

Eventually Glamor decides he's had enough and tries to chomp Bayonetta once more. You get a Quick Time Event for this; hit the button quickly to pummel him into reconsidering, and send both of you to the second half of this phase.

This second half plays the same as the first: Dodge the buildings (buying Bat Within from The Gates of Hell helps quite a bit here), shoot while he's afar, melee when Glamor comes close and you can dodge into Witch Time.

Once he's had enough of your abuse again, he escapes to Paradiso. Dodge the buildings that come your way one last time, and Bayonetta follows.

PHASE 2

Bayonetta takes flight once again! During Phase 2, all bets are off. Glamor can actually be approached in a similar manner to Gomorrah during the Prologue. Dodge his swipes, fly in close, and melee him with Salamandra for all you're worth. While you're not in close, fire at him from afar, but try to get in as much melee as possible. Never stop dealing damage!

Once you defeat Glamor, you'll enter a climactic Quick Time Event! Hit the button prompts to put him away for good.

POST-CHAPTER SPOILS 1 VERSE CARD (GLAMOR)

CH3 V1	1ST CLIMAX			2ND CLIMAX			3RD CLIMAX			∞ C	
	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAM
PLATINUM	06:50	0	43130	06:50	0	43130	07:00	0	43130	07:10	0
GOLD	07:10	500	18750	07:10	1000	18750	07:20	2000	18750	07:30	3000
SILVER	07:30	750	12660	07:30	1500	12660	07:40	3000	12660	07:50	4000
BRONZE	07:50	1000	6560	07:50	2000	6560	08:00	4000	6560	08:10	5000
BOSS BONUS	10000			10000			10000			10000	

Lucian

Lucian, The Purifying

Lucian, The Two-Wing

Hydro Slime Battle Theme

Hydro Slime Battle Theme

Hydro Slime Battle Theme

Hydro Slime Battle Theme

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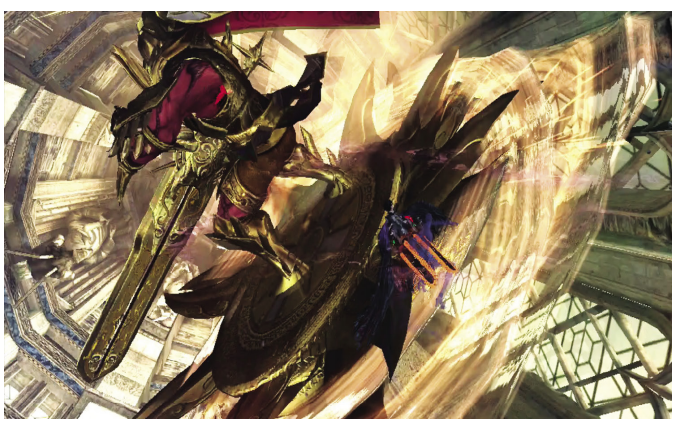
Chapter VI: The Bridge to the Heavens

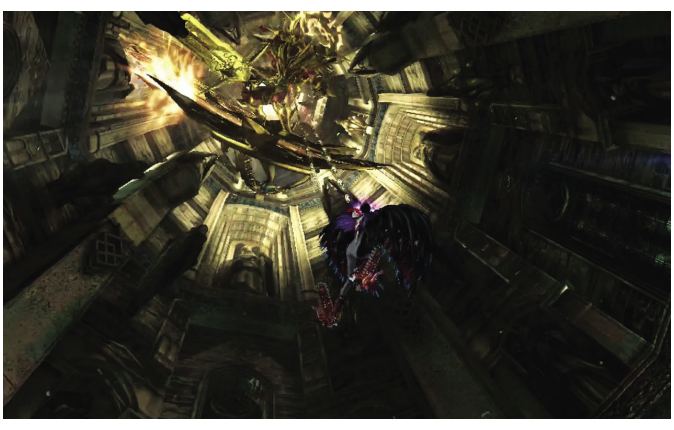
The Bridge to the Heavens stands invitingly before Bayonetta, but Paradiso still has other plans. Enter the sword-and-shield warrior, Valor!

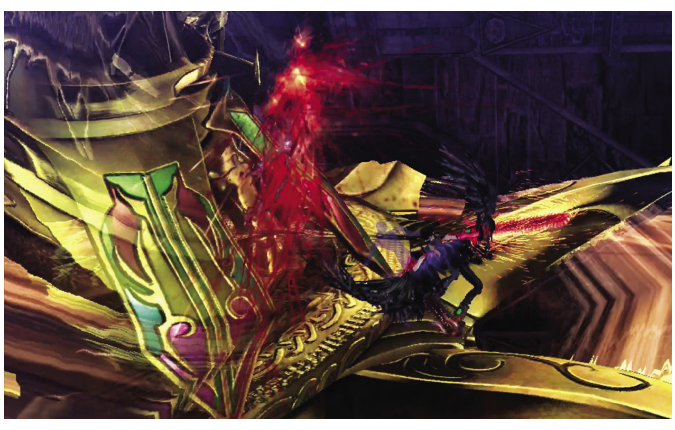
VERSE 1

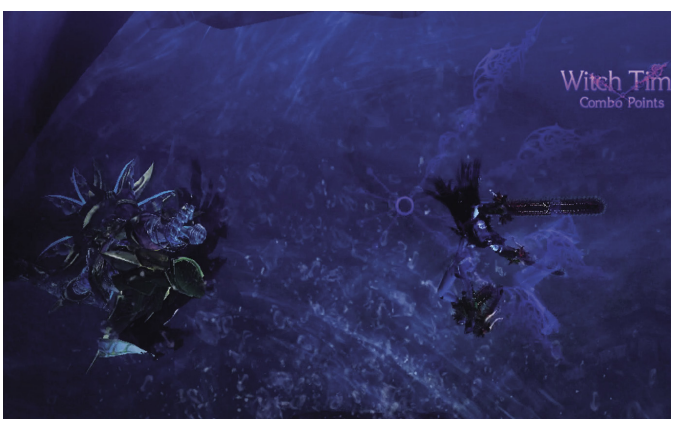
BOSS: Valor

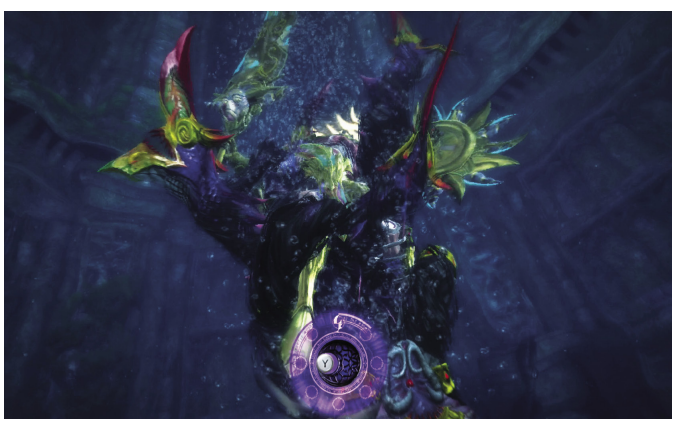
Isn't it always the way? Valor talks big, looks awesome...and goes down by far the most easily of the bosses once you know what to do.











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SUGGESTED PURE PLATINUM WEAPONS: Salamandra or Chernobog (Arms)

Enemies: Valor (2 Phases)

PHASE 1

The fight against Valor begins with you falling down a giant tower. Bayonetta's activated flight, but even so, there's not a whole lot of room to maneuver. Valor tries to take advantage of this by flying back and forth along the tower, sometimes surfing on his shield, in order to hit Bayonetta with his sword or by ramming her.

When he's far, shoot him with your guns or Kafka. When he's near, attack him hard with melee. If you have it, slice him up with Salamandra! If you don't have Salamandra yet, Chernobog is an excellent substitute.

Sometimes Valor smashes through the wall and pins you with his sword. If this happens, press the buttons during the ensuing Quick Time Event.

PHASE 2

Take down enough of Valor's vitality and the fight goes underwater! Your roles in the battle, however, remain the same. Shoot when afar (or use Snake Within to catch up to him), and melee when close. He'll try to ram you or slash you.

For Pure Platinum, attack efficiently, don't get hit, and keep your combo throughout the entire fight. Once you defeat him, press buttons during the climactic Quick Time Event to *really* defeat him.

POST-CHAPTER SPOILS 1 Verse Card (Valor)

CH6 V1	1ST CLIMAX			2ND CLIMAX			3RD CLIMAX			∞ C	
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GOLD	02:45	500	7960	02:45	1500	7960	02:45	3000	7960	03:30	4000
SILVER	03:05	750	5650	03:05	2500	5650	03:05	4000	5650	03:50	5500
BRONZE	03:25	1000	3340	03:25	3500	3340	03:25	5000	3340	04:10	7000
BOSS BONUS	10000			10000			10000			10000	

Mitsuru Kirijo and Ann Takamaki join the party alongside a mysterious Metaverse...

VERSE 1

BOSS: Yoshitsune

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SUGGESTED PURE PLATINUM STRATEGY: Setsunaiwa (Extra)

Boss: Yoshitsune

The only party we approach is Yoshitsu, and dodge the attacks much like he opens his ceremonies with.

Yoshitsu will use Agi and Bufu spells occasionally as well as multi-hit sword attacks. Don't let the moderate damage these do fool you, Yoshitsu can hit pretty hard. Stay on the defensive and manage them. Remember to heal with Diarama and Recarm if you can't dodge the attacks.

Yoshitsu will also summon Shadows to help him in battle. Spirit Thief Jirocho. These Shadows are Agile

Defeat Yoshitsu, and Masamune will step forward to examine the body as the others. Mitsuru tells the Phantom Thieves to stay behind as she examines the Metaverse's construction.

Suddenly, a voice calls out to the group. It's Sakamoto! He's here to help! He says he's been following them from the Ark in the Sky!

Despite how strange and out-there Sakamoto is, he's exactly how they remember Tenchi Muyo from Kaidan!

Mitsuru and Ann are both quick to point out that Sakamoto is not a member of the Metaverse Navigator Initiative, and that he's not supposed to be here. Sakamoto explains that he's been following them from the Ark in the Sky!

Mitsuru and Ann are both even more shocked, and Sakamoto scolds Ann for her tone! She's kind of a ninja.

Sakamoto explains that he's been following them from the Ark in the Sky! He's been watching them from the shadows, and he's impressed with how they've been handling themselves in the Metaverse. He's also impressed with how they've been handling the Shadows they've been encountering.

Sakamoto then

Chapter 10: The Calm Before the Storm
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Before the Core has been SHUT DOWN, here are three key events that begin to build Mithril and a key character. Of course, the Core is not shut down yet.

Mithril Mine
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Ayuja

Ayuja is a Fire/Light Mage who specializes in Fire damage and Healing. Ayuja's Fire spells can inflict Burning, which deals damage over time. Ayuja's Light spells can heal allies and remove negative effects.

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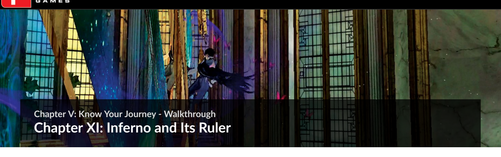


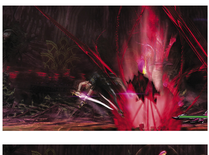
Chapter V: Know Your Journey - Walkthrough

Chapter XI: Inferno and Its Ruler

You've finally made it to the one who's holding Jeanne hostage, but she's not going to let her go without a fight. Fortunately, that's something you're very good at.

VERSE 1

BOSS: ALRAUNE



1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX/∞ CLIMAX (GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!)

SUGGESTED PURE PLATINUM WEAPONS: Rakshasa (Arms)

ENEMIES: Alraune (2 Phases / 2 Forms)

PHASE 1

The first form of Alraune has some highly telegraphed attacks, but she throws them out in a very unpredictable manner. Her primary methods of attack are to claw at you with spinning attacks or try to divebomb you from above. Dodge these.

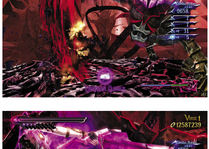
Once you've dodged into Witch Time, go on the offensive! You can handle the first form of Alraune much like you did the Masked Lumen. Retaliate with no more than four P slashes, then dodge away and fire your gun to keep your combo going. Alraune will usually attempt one of her two primary attacks. Meanwhile, save your accumulated magic through this fight—you'll need it later.

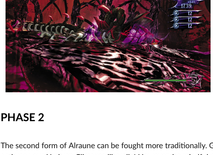
Alraune also sometimes tries to whip you from a distance, so stay in close and bait her into one of the previous two attacks.

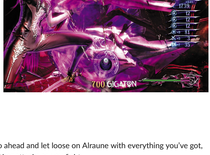
However, she has two more attacks that you really have to watch out for! The first is when she lays roots into the ground. When she does that, be ready to destroy the flowers that sprout to help her out. If they're allowed to blossom, they'll spit immobilizing goo at Bayonetta, leaving her open to attack.

The other attack is her desperation maneuver, where she lunges straight at you. If she gets a hold of you, she'll try to extract Bayonetta's soul, and with it, up to all of her vitality! If you get caught in it, you'll have to wiggle the Left Analog Stick in a Quick Time Event to escape.

Keep following the Rakshasa maneuver until her vitality is depleted, and Alraune will change into her final form!





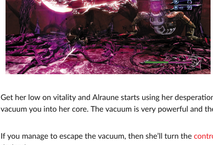


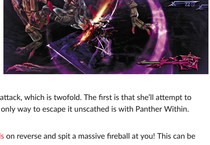
PHASE 2

The second form of Alraune can be fought more traditionally. Go ahead and let loose on Alraune with everything you've got, and use your Umbran Climaxes liberally! However, be mindful of her attacks as you fight.

Just as with her first form, Alraune will claw at you and try to whip you. However now she will also perform full-body tail swipes and full-on body charges. These are all quite dodgeable and telegraphed, but they occur quickly, so keep a sharp eye out.

Do enough damage to Alraune and she'll get dizzy, leaving her open for an automatic button-pushing Quick Time Event that does even more damage and sends her recoiling. Follow up!





Get her low on vitality and Alraune starts using her desperation attack, which is twofold. The first is that she'll attempt to vacuum you into her core. The vacuum is very powerful and the only way to escape it unscathed is with Panther Within.

If you manage to escape the vacuum, then she'll turn the controls on reverse and spit a massive fireball at you! This can be dodged.

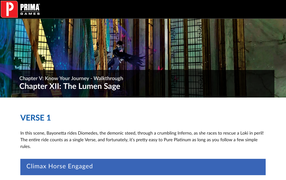
However, if you are caught in the vacuum, you face a very difficult Left Analog Stick–waggling Quick Time Event! Fail this one, and it's instant Game Over!

The key to beating Alraune's second form is to stay aggressive and dodge everything she throws at you. This is an excellent fight to utilize—or practice—Dodge Offset.

Once you deplete Alraune's vitality, you're done—no climactic Quick Time Event or anything. You're home free! Enjoy your new weapon: the Alruna, another invaluable tool in grabbing those coveted Pure Platinum medals.

POST-CHAPTER SPOILS Weapon: Alruna • 2 Verse Cards (Alraune, Alraune)

CH11 V1	1ST CLIMAX			2ND CLIMAX			3RD CLIMAX			∞ C	
	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAM
PLATINUM	04:40	0	72750	04:40	0	72750	05:10	0	72750	05:40	0
GOLD	05:10	2500	30900	05:10	5000	30900	05:40	8000	30900	06:10	1000
SILVER	05:40	3500	20440	05:40	7000	20440	06:10	10000	20440	06:40	120
BRONZE	06:10	4500	9980	06:10	9000	9980	06:40	12000	9980	07:10	140
BOSS BONUS	20000			20000			20000			20000	

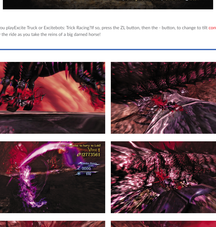


Chapter XII: The Lumen Sage

VERSE 1

In this scene, Bayonetta rides Diomedes, the demonic steed, through a crumbling Inferno, as she races to rescue a Loki in peril! The entire ride counts as a single Verse, and fortunately, it's pretty easy to Pure Platinum as long as you follow a few simple rules.

Climax Horse Engaged



Did you playExcite Truck or Excitebots: Trick Racing?If so, press the ZL button, then the - button, to change to tilt controls. Enjoy the ride as you take the reins of a big damned horse!

1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX/∞ CLIMAX (GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!)

SUGGESTED PURE PLATINUM WEAPONS: N/A

ENEMIES: Greed x3, Pain x4

The first rule, naturally, is to not get hit.

The second rule is to go at top speed the whole way through. Accomplish this by holding the Left Analog Stick upward.

That takes care of Time and Damage, but what about Combo? That's where a certain special feature of this stage comes in: Diomedes automatically accumulates magic power as he gallops, meaning you're always charging up for a potential Umbran Climax. When you press the Attack buttons, Umbran Climax causes Diomedes to fire long travelling waves in place of his usual short-range Blade Stash. In short, this racing game just becomes a shoot 'em up. Destroy them all!

When the Verse starts, ride away at top speed! You can dodge through ground obstacles much more easily than trying to jump over them.

When enemies show up, activate Umbran Climax and press the Attack buttons to vanquish them! You'll always run out of enemies before you run out of magic power.

Keep on going. Gomorrah shows up here (remember sending him to Inferno back in the Prologue?) to block your way. Dodge past his tail, then his limbs, and keep moving!

After jumping some platforms, and navigating some harmless shifting terrain, you face more enemies. Use the same Umbran Climax attacks on them as you did before, and be sure to defeat them all!

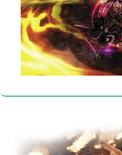
A gauntlet of dodgeable debris blocks your way, and then it's you versus one final set of enemies. Get rid of them and the pony ride ends. It's time for a different sort of climax now: the story kind.

CH12 V1	1ST CLIMAX			2ND CLIMAX			3RD CLIMAX			∞ C
	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAM
PLATINUM	02:25	0	450	02:25	0	450	02:25	0	450	02:25	0
GOLD	02:35	300	390	02:35	600	390	02:35	1200	390	02:35	300
SILVER	02:45	600	380	02:45	1200	380	02:45	2400	380	02:45	450
BRONZE	02:55	900	360	02:55	1800	360	02:55	3600	360	02:55	600
BOSS BONUS											

VERSE 2

BOSS: Balder

The Masked Lumen is Balder! Balder is the Masked Lumen! More importantly, Balder fights like the Masked Lumen, so the strategies from your last two clashes carry over. However, he's no longer holding back. Prepare to face the full might of a Lumen Sage!



1ST CLIMAX/2ND CLIMAX/3RD CLIMAX/∞ CLIMAX (GO FOR PURE PLATINUM!)

SUGGESTED PURE PLATINUM WEAPONS: Rakuhasa (Arms)

ENEMIES: Balder (2 Phases)

PHASE 1

Balder has an absolutely staggering number of attacks. He can attack with a large golden blade from the front, above, or below, or send up a column of electricity from the ground instead. Sometimes he'll send forth a large array of fireballs, or just let loose with one big one. If that weren't enough, he can fire a beam that sends you into slow motion if it hits, leaving you open to attack.

All of these attacks are completely dodgeable into Witch Time—they just come fast and furiously, one after the other. If you make it into Witch Time, you know what to do by now: No more than four sword slashes with P, dodge away, and shoot your gun while waiting for the next attack to dodge.

PHASE 2

Ditch think Balder had enough attacks before? Let's see about now. In the second phase of the fight, Balder gains the ability to send out twin lasers from the side to sandwich you, or bring a large laser down onto you from above. A large blue energy ball joins his repertoire, as well as an aerial kick. Finally he brings out his trump card: The ability to send out a veritable wall of angel feathers directly at you. Stay calm, and maintain your strategy.

Deydete Balder's vitality, and that's the end of everything. As with Aksune, there's no Quick Time Event.

Tip

Sometimes throughout the fight Balder will rest on his laurels and taunt Bayonetta. Feel free to assault him, but be on your guard for surprise counterattacks.

Playing with Accessories

If you're playing on ∞ Climax especially, equip the Moon of Mahaa-Kalaa to help counter Balder's incessant attacks, because they can all be parried. Meanwhile, if you're not too concerned with getting Pure Platinum for the fight, you can equip the Evil Harvest Rosary, which is a lot more damaging to Balder than you might think because there are so many dodge opportunities in this battle. However, the explosions won't do much for your combo, and you'll have reduced overall chances to hit him with Rakuhasa.

POST-CHAPTER SPOILS 1 Verse Card (Balder)

CH12 V2	1ST CLIMAX			2ND CLIMAX			3RD CLIMAX			∞ CLI	
	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAGE	COMBO	TIME	DAMAG
PLATINUM	03:40	0	8750	03:40	0	8750	04:10	0	8750	04:40	0
GOLD	04:10	2500	4340	04:10	5000	4340	04:40	7000	4340	05:10	9000
SILVER	04:40	3500	3240	04:40	7000	3240	05:10	10000	3240	05:40	12000
BRONZE	05:10	4500	2140	05:10	9000	2140	05:40	13000	2140	06:10	15000
BOSS BONUS	30000			30000			30000			30000	

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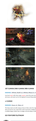

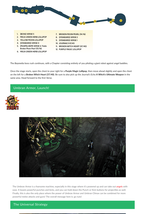

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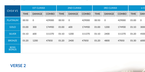
The Bycanella boss isn't unfamiliar, it's just a really annoying version of an ordinary ghost raven against rapid headshots.

Since the stage starts, watch the head of your right hand **Purple Fuel Cylinder**. Each time reload slightly and open the chest to get the **Purple Fuel Cylinder**. Then you can also pick up the chest and find the **Fifteen Master Weapons** in the chest.

The Yellow Witch is a Bycanella overflow, especially in the stage where it's summoned as a pet and rides on **Lupin** and uses it. Please be careful and don't be attacked by it. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the **Yellow Witch** when you're riding on the Lupin.

There's a stage where being stunned by Incredible is an aspect for pushing Red Phantom of the Dungeon, but the HP of the Red Phantom of the Dungeon is relatively low, and it's unlikely that you will be attacked. Spend the time to complete it. Also, the Red Phantom of the Dungeon will be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon, so it's a strategy character you can use.



VERSE 1

1ST CLONING RUN CLONING SRO CLONING

ENEMIES: Bycanella
NOTE: Bycanella is a boss that appears in the 1st stage and the 3rd stage and appears as a Bycanella overflow in the 2nd stage. Be careful not to be attacked. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Yellow Witch when you're riding on the Lupin.

+ CLONING

ENEMIES: Volume x3, Scorcha x2
NOTE: Be careful not to be attacked by Volume and Scorcha as a Witch. Be careful not to be attacked by the Yellow Witch when you're riding on the Lupin.

GO FOR PUBG PLATINUM!

Use the PPP combo "starting" skill if some attack, while following the above strategies.

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VERSE 2

DANNY ANTOJANT: Bloodhip

In the first game, Bloodhip never defended, but nonetheless Red Bloodhip has a lot of HP and is a boss that can't be defeated in a short time. Be sure to defeat it.

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ENEMIES: Bloodhip x2, Volume x3, Scorcha x2, Beloved x2

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+ CLONING

ENEMIES: Bloodhip x4, Belief x2, Beloved x2

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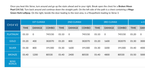

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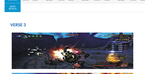

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MARKGRAND GRIFFITH: Defending Leonardo with partially attacks the Green

ENEMIES: Scorcha x2, Volume x3, Bloodhip x2, Beloved (Lord) x1, + Chimes, Flowthorn x1, Belief x2, Beloved x2, Bloodhip x2, Scorcha x2, Volume x3

The same as the Beloved (Lord) x1 and Flowthorn x1 appear in the 3rd stage, so be careful not to be attacked by them. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon.

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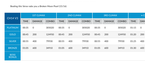

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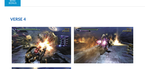
ENEMIES: Belief x4

The Lord and Lady of Belief, Hero, is a boss that appears in the 3rd stage, separated by a character. It's also a boss that appears in the 3rd stage, so be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon.



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VERSE 5

BOSS: Superbia

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ENEMIES: Superbia

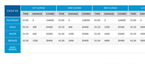
In the original Bycanella, Superbia was a same-level boss. Being boosted, however, seems to have been one of the fight. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon.

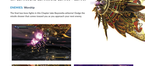
Design all of them is beautiful! Every kind of Superbia, you should enjoy the diversity. Quick! The Sword for raising the Self-Esteem.

Once you've made short work of Superbia, go ahead and enjoy the diversity. Quick! The Sword for raising the Self-Esteem.

1ST CLONING RUN CLONING SRO CLONING + CLONING

ENEMIES: Bloodhip





Once you get close, don't be overwhelmed by the number of Bloodhip. Avoid the Volume and scramble their voice out of the Scorcha. Be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon.

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VERSE 6

BOSS: Wrecky

1ST CLONING RUN CLONING SRO CLONING + CLONING

ENEMIES: Wrecky

VERSE 7

BOSS: Spitfrog

1ST CLONING RUN CLONING SRO CLONING + CLONING

ENEMIES: Spitfrog

The Spitfrog is a boss that appears in the 3rd stage. Be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon.

FIRST CHAPTER OPTICS (Courtesy of Rank 1 Nova Cast Member)

When you see the bottle smoke around the head rapidly, the attack of the first machine gun. Don't lose to the eyes of Frogs at the same time. The first time I was on stage, you can take a look at it now. Spitfrog's Poison poisoned more than the first time I was on stage, so be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon. Also, be careful not to be attacked by the Red Phantom of the Dungeon.

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Features of Cosmic skill and Specialization effects are in bonus color, letting them stand out and give the reader a sense of what to look for and understand.

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VERSE 1

1ST CLIMAX ONLY CLIMAX | 3RD CLIMAX | + CLIMAX (1ST FOR PURE PLATINUM)

Assembly Field Accelerator (Assembly) - Nemesis (Any Class)

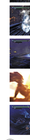
ATHENA | Affinity Depth x3, Affinity Shock x3, Affinity Shock x3, Assault Depth x3, Affinity Shock x3, Assault x3, Nemesis x3, Nemesis x3, Nemesis x3, Nemesis x3, Nemesis x3

The Depth Set is used to supplement the Cosmic and Specialization bonuses you're in the mix. Shock sets are used to supplement the Cosmic and Specialization bonuses you're in the mix. Assault sets are used to supplement the Cosmic and Specialization bonuses you're in the mix. Nemesis sets are used to supplement the Cosmic and Specialization bonuses you're in the mix.

Cosmic and Nemesis, the Specialist Stone, the Nemesis Stone, the Reaper Stone and the Titan Stone are the best Nemesis Stones for this build.

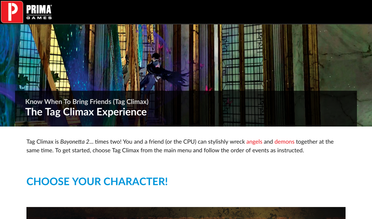
Cosmic Nemesis Stones are also used for the Cosmic Cosmos Fulfillment Set Bonus. Much like Nemesis, with Cosmic Nemesis Stones you can also use the Cosmic Cosmos Fulfillment Set Bonus.

The Cosmic and Nemesis Stones are used to supplement the Specialist Stone.



Ryu

Ryu is a Shoto character who has been in the Street Fighter series since the first game. He is the protagonist of the Street Fighter II sub-series and the secondary protagonist of the Street Fighter Alpha sub-series. He is also the protagonist of the Street Fighter EX sub-series. He is the brother of Sean Matsuda and the rival of Ken Masters. He is voiced by Kenji Hamada in the Street Fighter II animated film, Kenji Utsumi in the Street Fighter Alpha anime, Yuji Kishi in the Street Fighter EX anime, Yuji Ueda in the Street Fighter IV anime, and Yuichi Nakamura in the Street Fighter V anime.

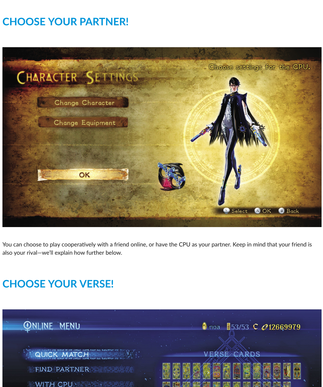


Know When To Bring Friends (Tag Climax)

The Tag Climax Experience

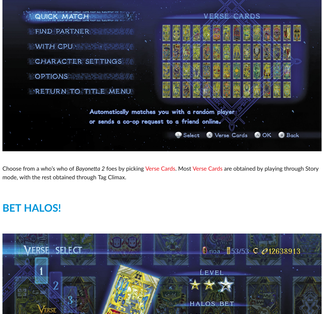
Tag Climax is *Bayonetta 2*... times two! You and a friend (or the CPU) can stylishly wreck angels and demons together at the same time. To get started, choose Tag Climax from the main menu and follow the order of events as instructed.

CHOOSE YOUR CHARACTER!



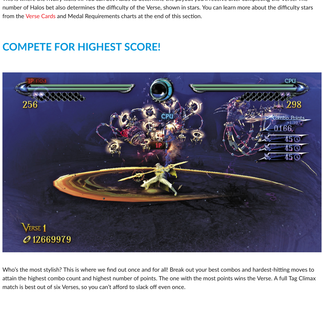
Once they're all unlocked, any of five characters can be taken into Tag Climax, each with their own strengths and weaknesses. To see which character is right for you, take a look at the Character Select section.

CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER!



You can choose to play cooperatively with a friend online, or have the CPU as your partner. Keep in mind that your friend is also your rival—we'll explain how further below.

CHOOSE YOUR VERSE!

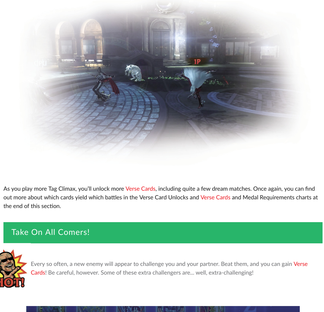


Choose from a who's who of *Bayonetta 2* foes by picking Verse Cards. Most Verse Cards are obtained by playing through Story mode, with the rest obtained through Tag Climax.

BET HALOS!

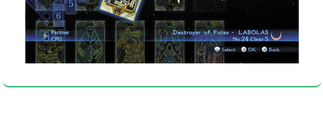
This is where the rivalry kicks in. You can bet Halos to determine the payout you'll receive after completing the Verse. The number of Halos bet also determines the difficulty of the Verse, shown in stars. You can learn more about the difficulty stars from the Verse Cards and Medal Requirements charts at the end of this section.

COMPETE FOR HIGHEST SCORE!



Who's the most stylish? This is where we find out once and for all! Break out your best combos and hardest-hitting moves to attain the highest combo count and highest number of points. The one with the most points wins the Verse. A full Tag Climax match is best out of six Verses, so you can't afford to slack off even once.

NO HOGGING THE SPOTLIGHT!



You may be rivals, but you're still partners! This is competitive co-op. Compete for the high score, but to clear the Verse at all, you must both stay alive. If you don't, it's Game Over, and even if you Continue, you have to restart the entire match from Verse 1.

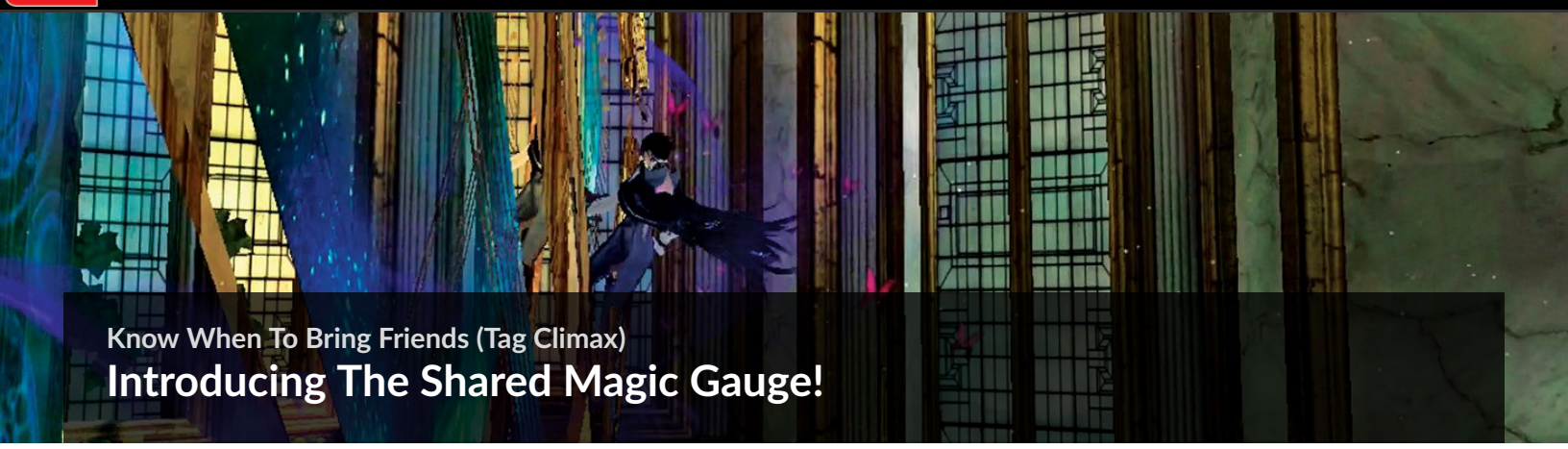
If your teammate falls in battle, rush to them and once you're close, revive them by holding the Action button until the revival meter below their name empties. This must be done within 15 seconds. Be careful because you're also vulnerable to the enemy while you're trying to help!

GO FOR THE CRAZY FIGHTS!

As you play more Tag Climax, you'll unlock more Verse Cards, including quite a few dream matches. Once again, you can find out more about which cards yield which battles in the Verse Card Unlocks and Verse Cards and Medal Requirements charts at the end of this section.

Take On All Comers!

Every so often, a new enemy will appear to challenge you and your partner. Beat them, and you can gain Verse Cards! Be careful, however. Some of these extra challengers are... well, extra-challenging!



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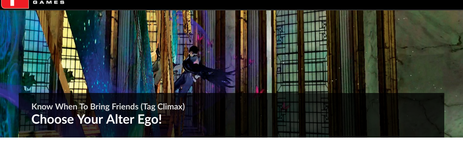
Introducing The Shared Magic Gauge!

The shared magic gauge is a gauge separate from your individual magic gauges. It is located in the upper center of the screen, and you want to fill it up whenever you can.

How does one fill the gauge? By attacking the same enemy! You'll know that's happening when you see a rainbow infinity symbol covering the enemy, and also present inside of the gauge itself. As you attack the same enemy, the gauge will fill blue.

When the gauge is completely full, you and your partner are awarded with bonus Umbran Climax! You'll automatically go into Umbran Climax state for eight full seconds, and it will *not* drain your individual magic gauges to use—only the shared magic gauge. Work together with your partner to really be able to put the hurt on your foes!



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Choose Your Alter Ego!

CHARACTER SELECT

The Character Select screen is the first thing you see when you boot up Tag Climax, and this can potentially determine the outcome for the entire match before it even starts. Choose a character who best fits both your play style and the situations you know you'll be encountering in each Verse.

BAYONETTA

The original recipe Umbra Witch.

Though she may be limited to a single set of any unlocked weapons for Tag Climax sessions, she's still the same force to be reckoned with as in Story mode proper.

Recommended For: Those who are already in tune with Bayonetta's play style.

ROSA

An Umbra Witch who kicks it 500-years-old-school and Bayonetta's mother, Rosa uses twin pistols with excellent range. She boasts greatly increased attack power, with greatly decreased defense to compensate, and uses Umbran Armor instead of Umbran Climax.

Recommended For: Players who like high risk for high reward, and who know dodging like the back of their hand.

JEANNE

An Umbra Witch who follows her own sense of angel-slaying style and Bayonetta's best friend, Jeanne uses weapons which are functional to Bayonetta's. Like Bayonetta, you can select a single set of of any unlocked weapons to give her in between full Tag Climax sessions. She requires tighter timing on dodges to attain Witch Time, but boasts greater damage output on her Wicked Weaves.

Recommended For: Players who have dodging down pat—the increased power will be most useful to them, without the defense cost that comes from using Rosa. Also a perfectly viable choice for people who just like her hair.

BALDER

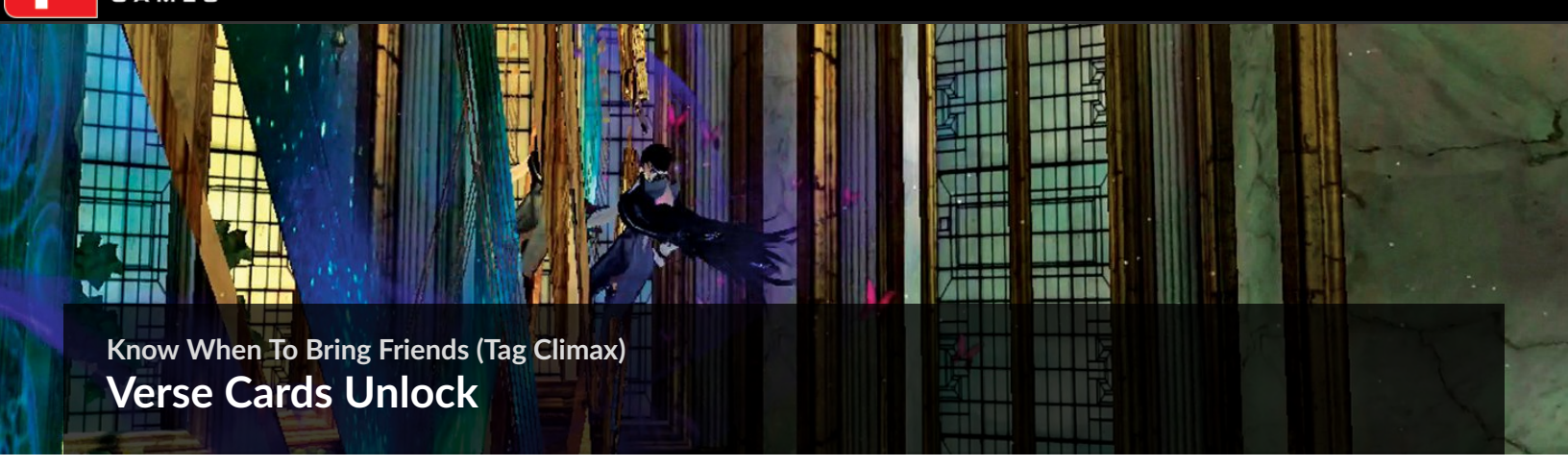
Bayonetta's father, and the last of the Lumen Sages. While his punch attacks see him use his staff, his kicks have him cast magic from a distance, which can even be chained into combos! Combine both for devastating results.

Recommended For: Those who desire magic power akin to one of Story mode's bosses at their fingertips. Balder's moveset entices players to be truly creative in order to be effective. Jeanne's hair clause applies here as well.

RODIN

Rodin is the feared weaponsmith of the three planes of existence, and super-secret super-boss of two games running. His power and endurance are now in your hands, but at the cost of greatly decreased mobility compared to the other characters. He puts up a shield instead of dodging, does not have Witch Time, and, as he uses his fists, has the least standard attack range of the five fighters. During Umbran Climax, he changes into his even more powerful Devil Rodin form.

Recommended For: Those who like staging comebacks via intense melee combat.Rodin players usually end a fight swiftly and surely, even if it takes slightly longer to get over to it.



VERSE CARDS UNLOCKS

Verse Card Unlocks: Story Mode

NAME (EN)	CLASS/ALIAS	CARD	CHAPTER OBTAINED
Acceptance	Third Sphere	♠ 3	Possessed at the start of the game.
Accolade	Third Sphere	♣ 4	Possessed at the start of the game.
Belief	Second Sphere	♥ 8	Possessed at the start of the game.
Gomorrah	Divine devourer	♣ K	Possessed at the start of the game.
Compassion	Third Sphere	♠ 2	Possessed at the start of the game.
Valiance	First Sphere	♠ 9	Possessed at the start of the game.
Cachet	Third Sphere	♦ 4	Possessed at the start of the game.
Accolade	Third Sphere	♠ 5	Possessed at the start of the game.
Urbane	Second Sphere	♦ 7	Possessed at the start of the game.
Enrapture	Third Sphere	♥ 3	Beat Chapter 2
Accolade	Third Sphere	♣ 5	Beat Chapter 2
Glamor	First Sphere	♥ J	Beat Chapter 3
Fidelity	Third Sphere	♥ 4	Beat Chapter 4
Accolade	Third Sphere	♥ 6	Beat Chapter 4
Masked Lumen	Lumen Sage	♠ J	Beat Chapter 4
Pain	Driver of Agony	♦ 6	Beat Chapter 5
Gravitas	Second Sphere	♣ 8	Beat Chapter 5
Valor	First Sphere	♦ Q	Beat Chapter 6
Insidious	Consumer of All	♣ J	Beat Chapter 7
Hideous	Craver of Hatred	♣ 3	Beat Chapter 7
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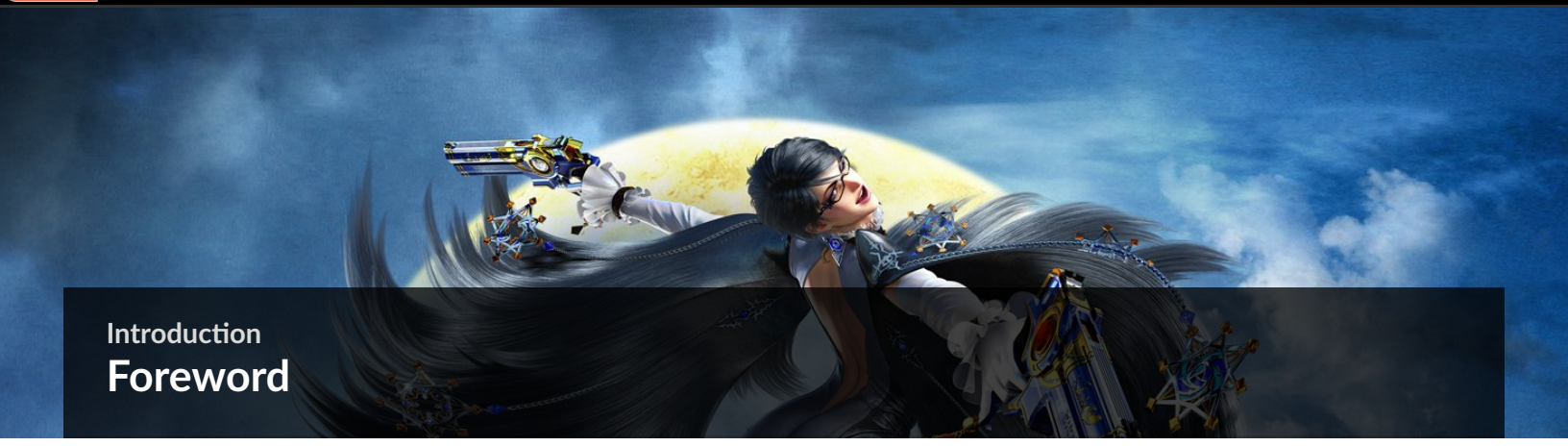
Hatred	Holder of Enmity	♠ 4	Beat Chapter 7
Fury	Gatherer of Rancor	♣ 2	Beat Chapter 7
Masked Lumen	Lumen Sage	♠ K	Beat Chapter 7
Greed	Confuser of Elements	♣ 6	Beat Chapter 8
Allegiance	Third Sphere	♦ 8	Beat Chapter 8
Golem	None	♦ 9	Beat Chapter 8
Pride	Enveloper of Flame	♥ 7	Beat Chapter 8
Malicious	Gazer of Death	♥ 9	Beat Chapter 9
Prophet	Prophet	♦ J	Beat Chapter 9
Resentment	Swindler of Progress	♦ 6	Beat Chapter 10
Phantasmaraneae	Twister of Flame	♠ Q	Beat Chapter 10
Sloth	Embracer of Extremes	♦ 8	Beat Chapter 10
Alraune	Whisperer of Dementia	♥ Q	Beat Chapter 11
Alraune	Whisperer of Insanity	♥ K	Beat Chapter 11
Balder	The Lumen Sage	♠ A	Beat Chapter 12
Affinity	Third Sphere	♥ 2	Beat Chapter 13
Applaud	Third Sphere	♦ 5	Beat Chapter 13
Decorations	Third Sphere	♦ 2	Beat Chapter 13
Fearless & Fairness	Second Sphere	♥ 5	Beat Chapter 13
Grace & Glory	Second Sphere	♣ 7	Beat Chapter 13
Beloved	Second Sphere	♠ 7	Beat Chapter 13
Worship	Second Sphere	♣ 9	Beat Chapter 14
Loptr	Prophet	♦ K	Beat Chapter 15
Aesir	The God of Chaos	♦ A	Beat Chapter 16

Verse Card Unlocks: Lost Chapter

NAME	CLASS/ALIAS	CARD	UNLOCK METHOD
Fortitudo	Auditio	♣ 10	Beat Witch Trial 1
Iustitia	Auditio	♥ 10	Beat Witch Trial 2
Temperantia	Auditio	♠ 10	Beat Witch Trial 3
Sapienta	Auditio	♦ 10	Beat Witch Trial 4

Verse Card Unlocks: Tag Climax

NAME	CLASS/ALIAS	CARD	UNLOCK METHOD
Labolas	Destroyer of Fates	♣ Q	Defeat Labolas in a Challenge fight during Tag Climax.
Bayonetta & Jeanne	Umbra Witch	♣ A	Defeat Bayonetta in a Challenge fight during Tag Climax.
Balder & Rosa	Umbra Witch	♥ A	Defeat Balder in a Challenge fight during Tag Climax.
Rodin	The Infinite One	JOKER	Defeat Rodin in a Challenge fight during Tag Climax.



Introduction

Foreword

It's strange, really.

I still vividly remember—and likely forever will—the very first time I laid eyes on the original *Bayonetta* at 2008's Electronic Entertainment Expo. The sight of the titular character tearing angels to pieces in ways that communicated that she cared naught what anyone thought of her drew many an awed expletive from the crowd of gathered gaming press. For my part, I simply stood in stunned silence, the smile unable to leave my face, the Trickster in me cackling maniacally.

Five years later, I'm penning a companion book to that game's sequel. Heck, for the longest time we were convinced there wouldn't even *be* a sequel. I suppose not even a god could have seen either coming.

What can be said about *Bayonetta* that hasn't already? I don't know, but I'll give it a shot. The minds that make up Platinum Games have been exploring and expanding the character action genre since the turn of the century, and with the studio's first sequel they've answered even more of stylish action's burning questions. What *if* you could wield a hammer imbued with the power of lightning against the hordes of the underworld, anyway? Or take down angels while wearing fox ears? Is there a true and proper way to handle a chainsaw such that one doesn't stain their Sunday best? These are answers the world has *burned for since the beginning of time*, and you will find these answers within.

And yet, for all of *Bayonetta*'s wondrous insanity—the posing, the innuendo, the mechanics that demand so much physical, visual, and aural feedback at once—she and her game are still inviting. Through numerous options that facilitate effortless, easygoing play whenever you desire, she asks all newcomers to her genre to play with her and to play in her world, to enjoy it for what it is. Bayonetta doesn't ask for anyone to be intimidated—though if they are, file that under "personal problem."

It's not one of mine, though. After having played *Bayonetta 2* for more than two hundred hours, I'm fully aware that there's room for me to learn even more about the game and for my skills to deepen—and I really want to. I'm pretty comfortable here.

This book contains everything learned in that time, with the aim of helping you, who hold it in your hands, to be not only the best but the *happiest Bayonetta 2* player one could hope to be. Enjoy the combat rundowns, read up on the enemy tactics, grab all the secret items. It's all here. The three planes of existence await for you to conquer them all—beautifully, of course.

I genuinely hope you find this guide as rewarding to digest as we did in putting it together.

~ Geson Hatchett

Introduction

A Christmas Story

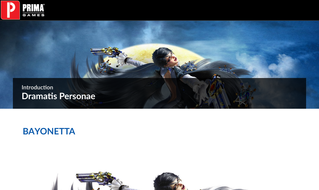
In modern day, the daughter of an Umbra Witch and a Lumen Sage—a forbidden union—awoke after centuries of slumber, with no memory of who she was. All she knew was that she could use the power of the Umbra to summon demons, and destroy the angels of Paradiso wherever they lay.

Destroy those angels she did, running into a rival who fought suspiciously like herself in the process. When it was all over, she'd saved the world and gained a best friend, Jeanne. But most importantly, she remembered who she was. Bayonetta's—Cereza's—life, after so long, belonged to herself once more.

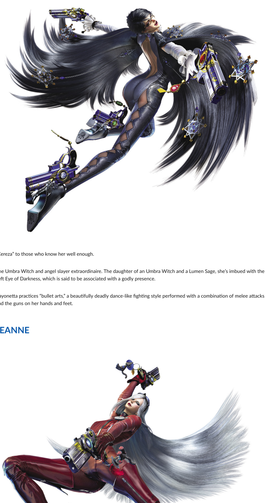
Time passed, but the planes of existence never rest, and there are always forces waiting to take the world for their own. On Christmas Eve, during routine angel-thwarting, Jeanne is snatched and taken to Inferno.

This will not stand.

Now, fully aware of who she is and what she's capable of, and with an entourage of old friends and unlikely new allies at her side, Bayonetta sets out to rescue her best friend and Umbran sister. Her journey will take her to the world's most mysterious mountain, upward to Paradiso, and down to the depths of Inferno itself. Along the way, however, she may well stumble upon another one of those world-threatening forces...



BAYONETTA



"Cereza" to those who know her well enough.

The Umbra Witch and angel slayer extraordinaire. The daughter of an Umbra Witch and a Lumen Sage, she's imbued with the Left Eye of Darkness, which is said to be associated with a godly presence.

Bayonetta practices "bullet arts," a beautifully deadly dance-like fighting style performed with a combination of melee attacks and the guns on her hands and feet.

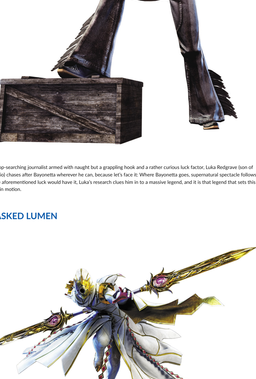
JEANNE

Bayonetta's former-rival-turned-best friend, and fellow Umbra Witch. Her abduction, and the curiosities surrounding it, are what kick off Bayonetta's adventure across the three planes of existence.

RODIN

The infernal weaponsmith returns, still running the bar known as The Gates of Hell, where Bayonetta can have new weapons made, pick up all sorts of items and accessories, and learn new moves. However, recent events have prompted Rodin to step into the fray himself—and when he does, things get explosive!

LOKI



This mysterious boy joins Bayonetta in her quest while pursuing one of his own. To say that the two's personalities and even ideologies are at odds is an understatement, but perhaps, just perhaps along the way, they might learn to find some common ground.

Along with being quite agile, Loki can toss cards to attack and can project magic fields to defend himself in battle.

ENZO

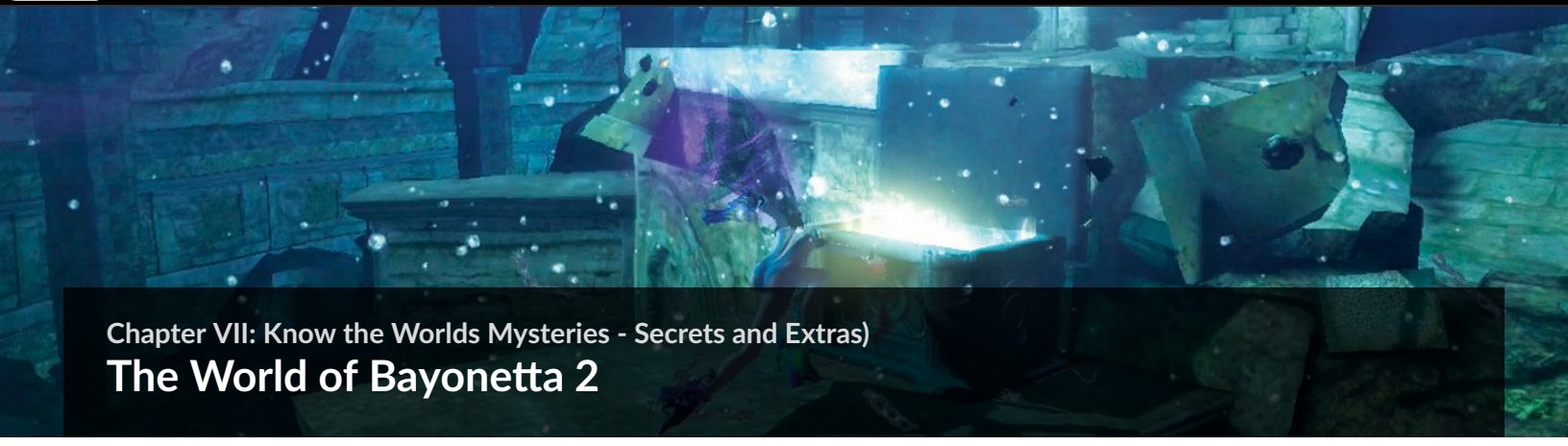
Though his being the butt of the series' more elaborate jokes may suggest otherwise, Enzo is actually a resourceful informant and consequently a valuable member of Bayonetta's entourage. In both the original game and this one, it is Enzo who finds out where Bayonetta will have to journey to find whatever answers she seeks.

LUKA

A scoop-searching journalist armed with naught but a grappling hook and a rather curious luck factor, Luka Redgrave (son of Antonio) chases after Bayonetta wherever he can, because let's face it: Where Bayonetta goes, supernatural spectacle follows! As the aforementioned luck would have it, Luka's research clues him in to a massive legend, and it is that legend that sets this game in motion.

MASKED LUMEN

In the midst of the battles in Paradiso, a Lumen Sage appears, which is certainly odd given that Bayonetta killed the last Lumen Sage on Earth with her own two hands (and lipstick!). Who lies behind the mask, and what are his motives? Bayonetta will have to battle him multiple times to find out.



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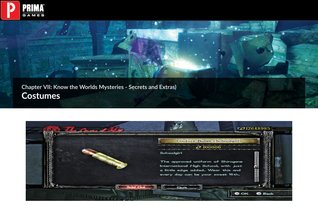
The World of Bayonetta 2

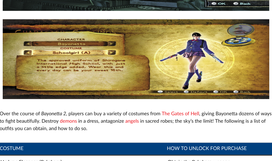
There's more to do in *Bayonetta 2* than simply finishing the story! All sorts of hidden treats are locked away. Some of these make the game easier or harder, others flesh out the *Bayonetta* universe, and still others enhance replay value for years to come.

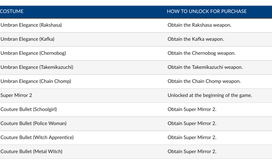
From concept art to character models and a full soundtrack, The World of *Bayonetta 2* is a virtual museum featuring a behind-the-scenes look at everything you've encountered in the game. Not everything is visible from the start, but the more of the game you see, the more is unlocked in this comprehensive gallery.

To unlock The World of *Bayonetta 2*, beat Story mode on any difficulty.



Costumes



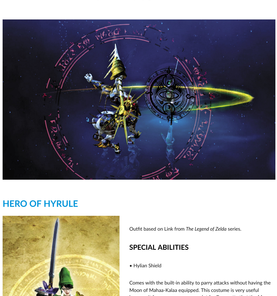


Over the course of *Bayonetta 2*, players can buy a variety of costumes from The Gates of Hell, giving Bayonetta dozens of ways to fight beautifully. Destroy demons in a dress, antagonize angels in sacred robes; the sky's the limit! The following is a list of outfits you can obtain, and how to do so.

COSTUME	HOW TO UNLOCK FOR PURCHASE
Umbran Elegance (Rakshasa)	Obtain the Rakshasa weapon.
Umbran Elegance (Kafka)	Obtain the Kafka weapon.
Umbran Elegance (Chernobog)	Obtain the Chernobog weapon.
Umbran Elegance (Takemikazuchi)	Obtain the Takemikazuchi weapon.
Umbran Elegance (Chain Chomp)	Obtain the Chain Chomp weapon.
Super Mirror 2	Unlocked at the beginning of the game.
Couture Bullet (Schoolgirl)	Obtain *Super Mirror 2*.
Couture Bullet (Police Woman)	Obtain *Super Mirror 2*.
Couture Bullet (Witch Apprentice)	Obtain *Super Mirror 2*.
Couture Bullet (Metal Witch)	Obtain *Super Mirror 2*.
Couture Bullet (Dress)	Obtain *Super Mirror 2*.
Couture Bullet (Uniformed) [Jeanne Only]	Obtain *Super Mirror 2*.
Super Mirror 64-2 [Includes Couture Bullet (Star Mercenary)]	Unlocked at the beginning of the game.
Couture Bullet (Mushroom Kingdom Princess)	Obtain *Super Mirror 64-2*.
Couture Bullet (Sarasaland Princess)	Obtain *Super Mirror 64-2*.
Couture Bullet (Hero of Hyrule)	Obtain *Super Mirror 64-2*.
Couture Bullet (Galactic Bounty Hunter)	Obtain *Super Mirror 64-2*.
Super Mirror	Beat 2nd Climax difficulty or above.
Couture Bullet (Old-Old Hairstyle)	Obtain *Super Mirror*.
Couture Bullet (Nun-Old Hairstyle)	Obtain *Super Mirror*.
Couture Bullet (Uniformed-Old Hairstyle) [Jeanne Only]	Obtain *Super Mirror*.
Super Mirror 64	Beat 3rd Climax Difficulty.
Couture Bullet (Sarasaland Princess-Old Hairstyle)	Obtain *Super Mirror 64*.
Couture Bullet (Hero of Hyrule-Old Hairstyle)	Obtain *Super Mirror 64*.
Couture Bullet (Galactic Bounty Hunter-Old Hairstyle)	Obtain *Super Mirror 64*.

THE NINTENDO COSTUME SYSTEM

Special note must be given to the exclusive costumes in *Bayonetta 2*, because they not only have star power behind them, but they also have special gameplay-enhancing attributes. You gain access to these costumes after you buy the *Super Mirror 64-2* or *Super Mirror 64* items from The Gates of Hell, and they're worth it!



MUSHROOM KINGDOM PRINCESS & SARASALAND PRINCESS

Outfits based on Princesses Peach and Daisy, respectively, of *Super Mario Bros.* fame.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

• Bowser Summon

Summon the feet and fists of Bowser, King of the Koopas, via Wicked Weaves.

ADDITIONAL EFFECTS:

Halos and Orbs will also become Coins, complete with accompanying collection sound.

HERO OF HYRULE

Outfit based on Link from *The Legend of Zelda* series.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

• Hylian Shield

Comes with the built in ability to parry attacks without having the Moon of Mahas-Kalaa equipped. This costume is very useful because it frees up an accessory slot for Bayonetta that the Moon would normally occupy.

In addition, classic *Zelda* series jingles are played when you open chests or discover secret passages.

Additional Effects: Halos and Orbs will also become Rupees (with accompanying collection sound), and equipping the Shuraba transforms it into the Master Sword!

GALACTIC BOUNTY HUNTER

Outfit based on Samus Aran from the *Metroid* series.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

• Morph Ball & Bombs

Instead of Panther Within, Bayonetta uses Samus's Morph Ball. Jumping with the Morph Ball active allows the use of Bombs, which hit enemies for light damage.

• Screw Attack

Directional double jumps now become Screw Attacks, which can hit enemies for light damage.

• Arm Cannon

Samus's classic Arm Cannon, which takes the place of Bayonetta's gun attack, packs a punch and sends weaker enemies flying when powered up!

STAR MERCENARY

Outfit based on Fox McCloud from the Starfox series.

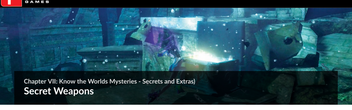
SPECIAL ABILITY

• Arwing

In addition to having authentic lock-on aesthetics, the Arwing takes the place of Bayonetta's gun attack for super-fast laser shots!

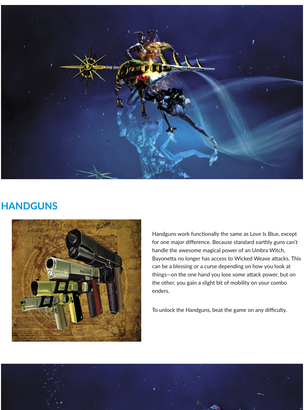
ADDITIONAL EFFECTS:

Along with changing the sound effect for acquiring items, the Arwing replaces the jet fighters seen in Chapters I and XVI.



Secret Weapons

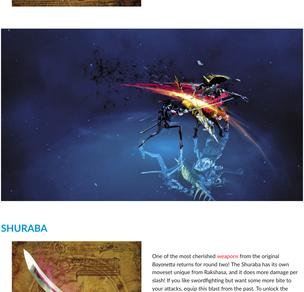
There are more weapons in *Bayonetta 2* than the game lets on, which open up the combat system in ways ranging from subtle to amazing.



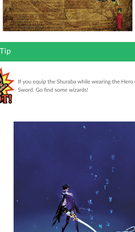
HANDGUNS

Handguns work functionally the same as Love Is Blue, except for one major difference. Because standard earthly guns can't handle the awesome magical power of an Umbra Witch, Bayonetta no longer has access to Wicked Weave attacks. This can be a blessing or a curse depending on how you look at things—on the one hand you lose some attack power, but on the other, you gain a slight bit of mobility on your combo enders.

To unlock the Handguns, beat the game on any difficulty.

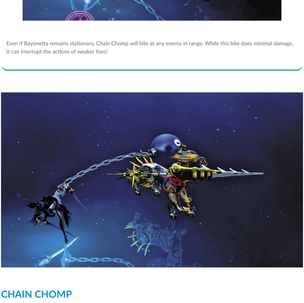


SCARBOROUGH FAIR

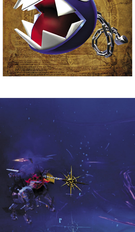


Feeling nostalgic? These handguns from the original *Bayonetta* are reminiscent of Love Is Blue, but they come with their own moveset and aesthetic. Combine these with Bayonetta's "Old Hairstyle" costumes to complete your timewarp ensemble!

To unlock the Scarborough Fair, purchase the Super Mirror from The Gates of Hell.



SHURABA



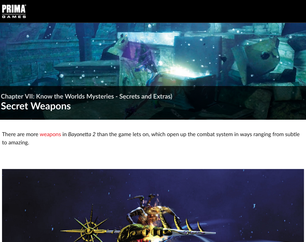
One of the most cherished weapons from the original *Bayonetta* returns for round two! The Shuraba has its own moveset unique from Rakshasa, and it does more damage per slash! If you like swordfighting but want some more bite to your attacks, equip this blast from the past. To unlock the Shuraba, purchase the Super Mirror from The Gates of Hell.

Jeanne has her own version of the Shuraba, called the Angel Slayer. It is unlocked when the Super Mirror is purchased for Jeanne.

Tip

If you equip the Shuraba while wearing the Hero of Hyrule costume, Bayonetta will wield the fabled Master Sword. Go find some wizards!

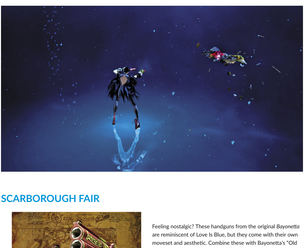
Even if Bayonetta remains stationary, Chain Chomp will bite at any enemy in range. While this bite does minimal damage, it can interrupt the actions of weaker foes!



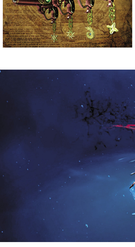
CHAIN CHOMP

Speaking of attacks with bite.... Hailing from the *Super Mario* series, the Chain Chomp attaches to Bayonetta's legs, giving her kicks added ferociness! This heavy living ball staggers enemies with each hit, much like the Takemikazuchi. Plus, its Wicked Weave attack hits hard and has an explosive finisher! Fans of the Lt. Col. Kilgore weapon from the original *Bayonetta* will find lots to love about Chain Chomp.

To unlock the Chain Chomp, beat the game on 3rd Climax difficulty to receive the **Angelic Hymns Gold LP Super Mario 64**. Take the LP to The Gates of Hell and Rodin will give you a shiny new Chain Chomp.

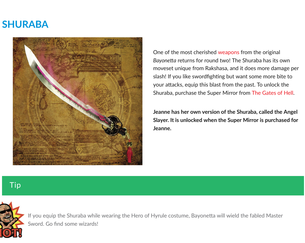


RODIN



The Rodin is a fantastic weapon that morphs into different Angel Arms and Demon Arms depending on the button combinations used. Not only is it extremely versatile, but most weapon forms stagger enemies with each strike even better than the Takemikazuchi or Chain Chomp.

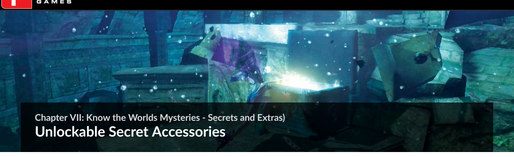
To obtain the Rodin weapon, just beat Rodin himself in a fight. However, this is far easier said than done.



UMBRAN ARMOR

The Umbran Armor actually isn't much of a "secret"; you can potentially use it from Chapter XIV onward, no muss, no fuss. Much like Umbran Climax, it lasts for a short time. The Armor's biggest strength is... well, its strength. Its powerful punches, kicks, and guns make short work of any foe. In exchange, you're a much bigger target than normal. It's up to you to decide if the trade-off is worth it.

To obtain the Umbran Armor, beat Chapter XIV: The Witch Hunts in Story mode on any difficulty. The Earrings of Ruin accessory becomes available in The Gates of Hell. Buy it, then equip. Umbran Armor takes the place of Umbran Climax when activated.



Unlockable Secret Accessories

Some accessories hidden within the game are even more powerful than the ones Bayonetta already has access to. Some are useful in gaining Pure Platinum ranks, while others are just for fun and won't count toward your ranking at all.

BRACELET OF TIME

The Bracelet of Time allows Bayonetta to activate Witch Time on her terms and her schedule, as long as she has at least four magic orbs filled first. The catch, however, is that normal dodges no longer activate Witch Time.

To unlock the Bracelet of Time for purchase in The Gates of Hell, beat Story mode on 2nd Climax difficulty or higher with a rank of Gold or higher in every chapter. Then you can buy it for 200,000 Halos.

CLIMAX BRACE

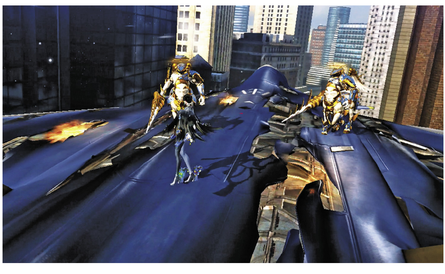
In the original *Bayonetta*, the Climax Brace turned every punch or kick attack launched into a Wicked Weave. Because Umbran Climax does that job for you in *Bayonetta 2*, this time around the Climax Brace simply gives you unlimited magic power to unleash nonstop Umbran Climaxes (or Torture Attacks, Umbran Armors, etc.).

To unlock the Climax Brace for purchase in The Gates of Hell, obtain all 50 Umbran Tears of Blood. Then you can buy it for 500,000 Halos.

CLIMAX BRACE 2

The Climax Brace 2 strengthens your Wicked Weave attacks at the cost of defensive ability. Naturally, pairing this with the Climax Brace will turn you into an offensive juggernaut. Just don't get hit. You won't enjoy it.

To unlock Climax Brace 2 for purchase in The Gates of Hell, beat Story mode on 2nd Climax difficulty or higher with all Platinum (or higher!) medals. Then buy it for 500,000 Halos.



ETERNAL TESTIMONY

The Eternal Testimony automatically refills two magic orbs whenever Bayonetta's magic power is depleted. You can use this to unleash a flurry of low-level magic attacks (such as Umbran Spear), or simply raise the magic power needed for accessory abilities and Umbran Climax in less time than normal. Rather valuable!

To unlock the Eternal Testimony for purchase in The Gates of Hell, obtain 25 Umbran Tears of Blood, through any combination of Umbran Crows and Bewitchments. Then buy it for 500,000 Halos.

Tip

Love the Bracelet of Time's effects but don't want to give up your normal Witch Time? Hold off equipping the Bracelet until you've built up the magic power you want via normal means, then equip the accessory from the Subscreen. Unequip again once you're done using it, and repeat. It's a bit of busywork, but the added play flexibility makes it worth it!

Caution

No score or ranking records gained by using either Climax Brace will be officially recorded. You have been warned! Instead, use these accessories to show off or just have fun.

Unlockable Secret Characters

Just like secret costumes and weapons, secret characters abound in *Bayonetta 2*, all of whom dramatically change the game in some way! Between old faces and new, odds are you'll find someone who suits your personal sense of style.

JEANNE

Jeanne is the second of the only two Umbra Witches left on Earth, and Bayonetta's confidante.

Jeanne plays the same way as Bayonetta, but has a much tighter timing requirement for gaining Witch Time after a dodge. You'll need to dodge at nearly the exact instant you're hit to trigger Witch Time. In exchange, Jeanne gets a power and damage boost with her Wicked Weaves.

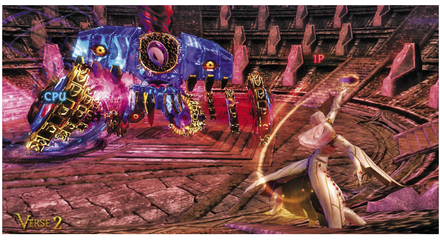
Unlock Jeanne by beating Story mode on any difficulty.

ROSA

This mysterious woman has special ties to Bayonetta...

Rosa's only weapon is the Unforgiven, a set of twin guns, and her defense is the lowest of all the characters. In exchange, she boasts tremendous offensive power. Rosa uses Umbran Armor in place of Umbran Climax.

Unlock Rosa by beating Story mode on 3rd Climax difficulty.



BALDER

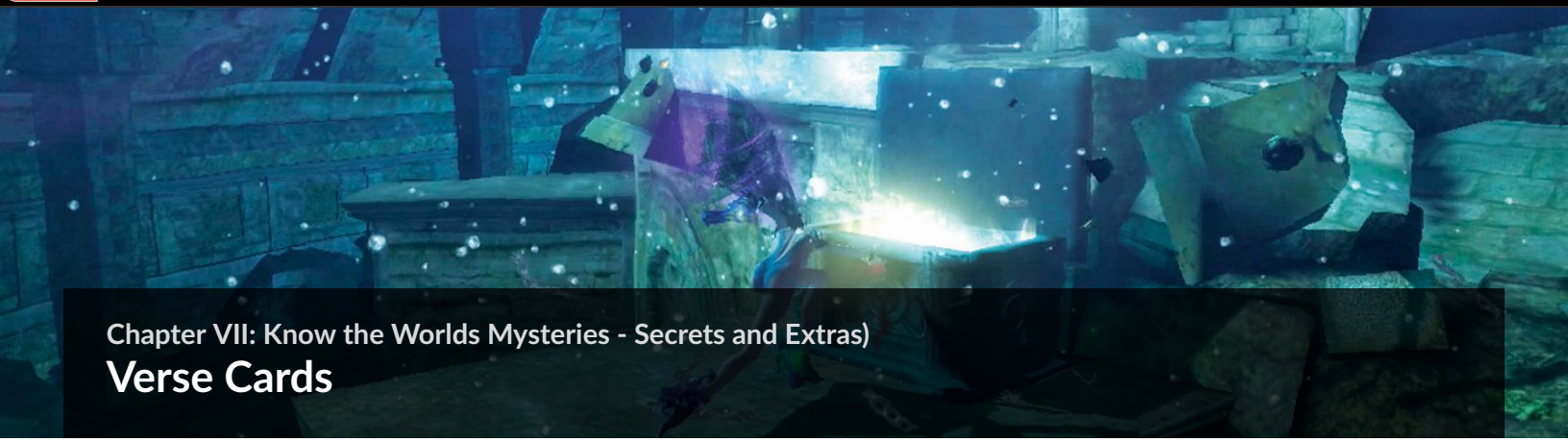
Balder fights with a staff and summons angels instead of demons, but otherwise Lumen Sage combat is every bit as stylish as that of an Umbra Witch. Combat strategies that apply to Bayonetta and Jeanne largely apply to Balder, with some mild twists.

Unlock Balder by beating his Verse Card in Tag Climax mode. Obtain the Verse Card itself by playing Tag Climax. Balder can be used only in Tag Climax.

RODIN

Rodin's fighting style concentrates on pure power and endurance. He uses his bare fists in combat, giving him even less melee range than the gun-exclusive Rosa. Instead of dodging, he puts up an invincibility shield for an instant. Lacking a dodge, he also doesn't have Witch Time, which sacrifices mobility. However, he's powerful and can dispatch enemies quickly--as long as you can get in close!

Unlock Rodin by beating his Verse Card in Tag Climax mode. Obtain the Verse Card itself by playing Tag Climax. Rodin can be used only in Tag Climax.



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Verse Cards

Verse Cards determine the enemies that you can fight in Tag Climax. You can collect certain Verse Cards: by playing through Story mode, and others by playing Tag Climax itself. Find a list of all Verse Cards in the Tag Climax section.

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Quick Money-Raising: The One Million Halo Run

Are you growing impatient with the rate at which you earn money for buying goodies at The Gates of Hell? Are you trying to get that special accessory, that perfect costume, or that all-important Platinum Ticket (see next section)? If so, this is the section for you! Near the end of your first run through Story mode, there's a way to quickly get all the money you want. Read on to find out how!

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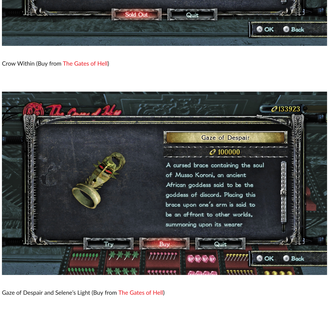
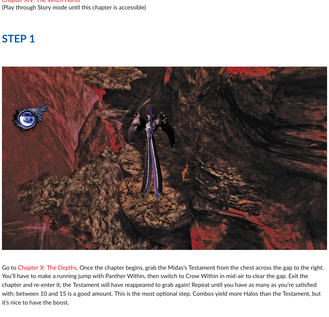
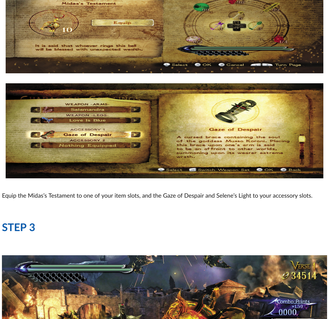


Crow Within (Buy from The Gates of Hell)

Gaze of Despair and Selene's Light (Buy from The Gates of Hell)



Chapter X: The Depths (Play through Story mode until this chapter is accessible)



Chapter XIV: The Witch Hunts
(Play through Story mode until this chapter is accessible)

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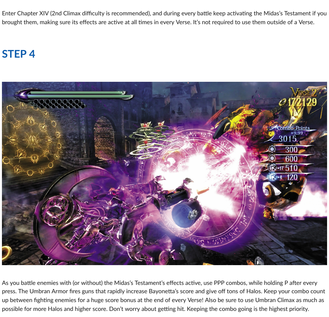
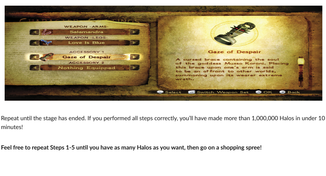


Go to Chapter X: The Depths. Once the chapter begins, grab the Midas's Testament from the chest across the gap to the right. You'll have to make a running jump with Panther Within, then switch to Crow Within in mid-air to clear the gap. Exit the chapter and re-enter it; the Testament will have reappeared to grab again! Repeat until you have as many as you're satisfied with between 10 and 15 is a good amount. This is the most optional step. Combos yield more Halos than the Testament, but it's nice to have the boost.

STEP 2



Equip the Midas's Testament to one of your item slots, and the Gaze of Despair and Selene's Light to your accessory slots.

STEP 3

Enter Chapter XIV (2nd Climax difficulty is recommended), and during every battle keep activating the Midas's Testament if you brought them, making sure its effects are active at all times in every Verse. It's not required to use them outside of a Verse.

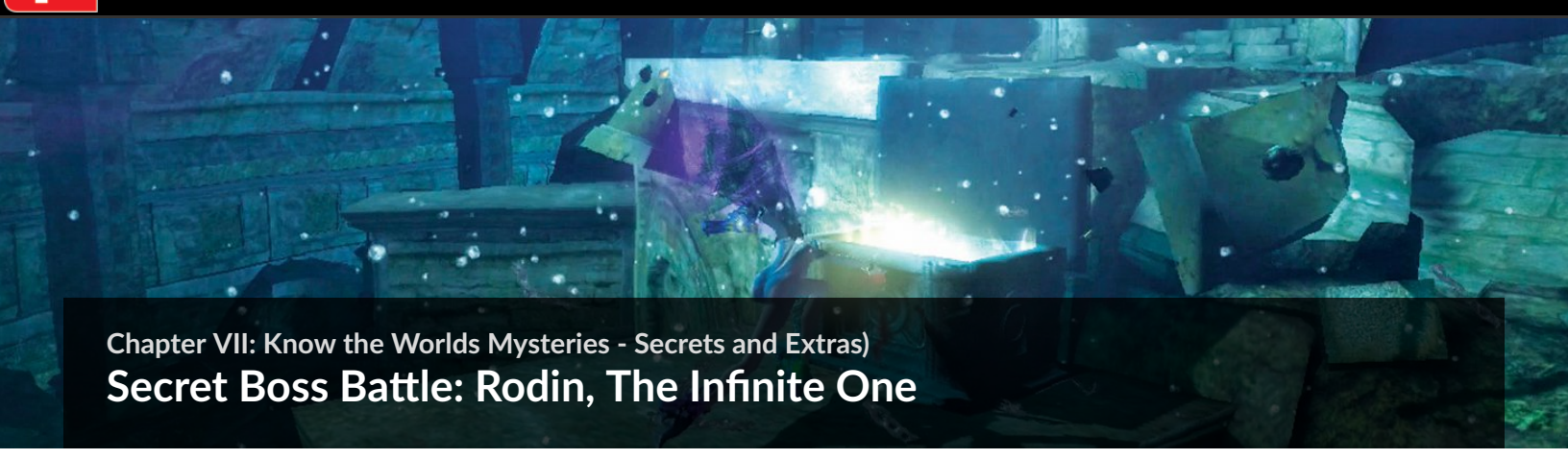
STEP 4

As you battle enemies with (or without) the Midas's Testament's effects active, use PPP combos, while holding P after every press. The Umbran Armor frees guns that rapidly increase Bayonetta's score and give off tons of Halos. Keep your combo count up between fighting enemies for a huge score bonus at the end of every Verse! Also be sure to use Umbran Climax as much as possible for more Halos and higher score. Don't worry about getting hit. Keeping the combo going is the highest priority.

STEP 5

Repeat until the stage has ended. If you performed all steps correctly, you'll have made more than 1,000,000 Halos in under 10 minutes!

Feel free to repeat Steps 1-5 until you have as many Halos as you want, then go on a shopping spree!



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Secret Boss Battle: Rodin, The Infinite One

Rodin, the famed weaponsmith of Inferno, regularly overpowers demons and turns them into instruments of war. Yet in a battle, he prefers his bare fists. This should give you an inkling of how powerful he is. He showed up as a secret boss battle in the first *Bayonetta* as Father Rodin, and now he's back as Devil Rodin to give even the most expert players the fight of their lives! Here's how to face him.

STEP 1

UNLOCK THE PLATINUM TICKET

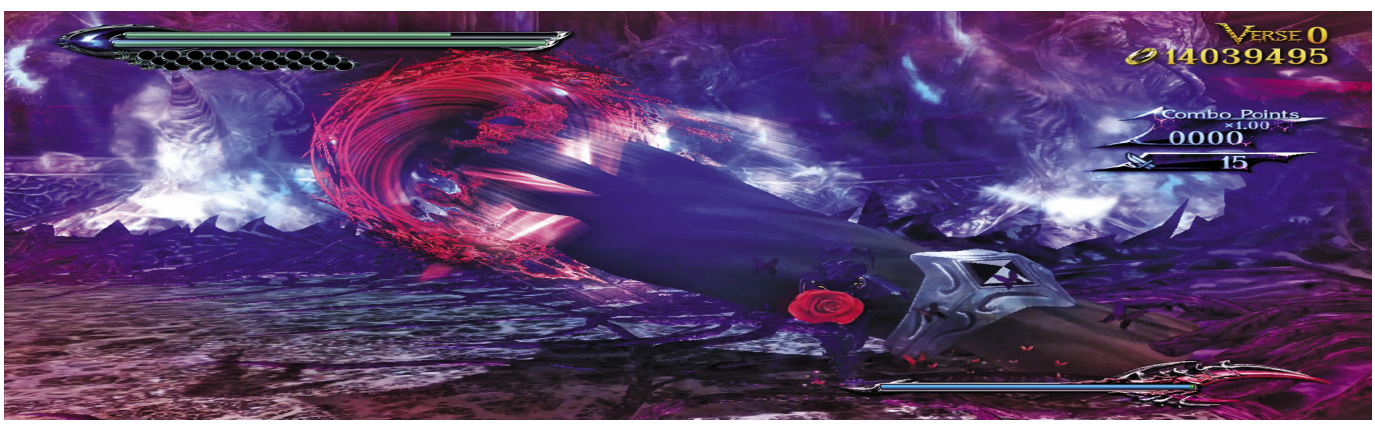
By the time you beat Story mode on any difficulty, you should be able to buy the Platinum Ticket in the Rodin's Treasures section of The Gates of Hell. Go there and scroll down to the bottom.

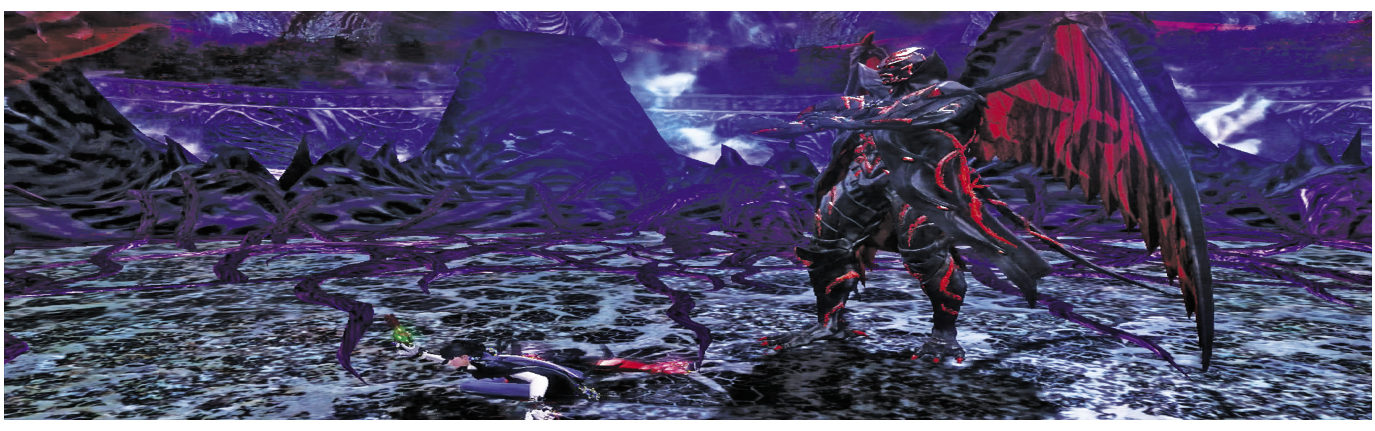
STEP 2

BUY THE PLATINUM TICKET FOR 9,999,999 HALOS

That's not a typo. Just earning the right to face Rodin is no laughing matter. Fortunately, in the section above this one ("The One Million Halo Run") we've outlined the easiest way for you to raise as many Halos as you need.

STEP 3: PREPARE FOR PAIN





Go ahead and buy that ticket—and good luck! You'll need it.

SUGGESTED BATTLE STRATEGY

As mentioned earlier, beating Rodin gives you the Rodin weapon, one of the best weapons in the game, so it's worth the work.

Fancy yourself a dodger? The pain of fighting Rodin can actually be lessened if you bring Rosa to the fight.

Rodin has two forms: his humanoid first form and his Devil Rodin second form. During his first form, learn his attacks and dodge as many as you can! There're two specific tells for the majority of the attacks: listen for the high-pitched sound and watch for the colored gleam in his eyes. When you see and hear those, be ready to dodge. After you've dodged, use the PPP combo (while holding the button each time for extra hits) to deal maximum damage.

When Devil Rodin takes the stage, activate the durable Umbran Armor. The Armor will protect you from losing while active, allowing you to use the PPP combos (again, while holding the buttons each time for maximum damage) while in that form.

Now that you have the battle plan, it all comes down to personal execution skill from here. Luck be with you!

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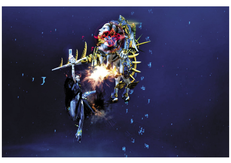
Advanced Offense

The secrets of the Umbra Witches are many and well-guarded. Such secrets extend to their combat potential. However, with patience and experience, you can unlock these secrets. Whether you're an expert or just someone who likes to dig deep, this advanced section is here to help you gain the edge in Bayonetta 2.

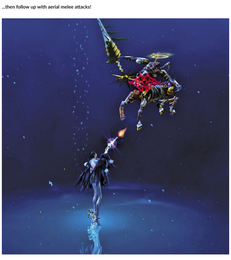
ADVANCED OFFENSE

AIR COMBOS AND JUGGLES



Launch into the air...

...then follow up with aerial melee attacks!



You can even juggle with guns!
Letting loose combos on the ground is great, but air combos come with an extra degree of security—there's less chance that the enemy can power through your assault and retaliate. Certain moves, commonly called launchers, send enemies flying straight up into the air, setting them up for air combos.

Two such moves are the Witch Strike and the rising version of the After Burner Kick, both of which can be bought from The Gates of Hell. These two moves send the enemy into the sky, with Bayonetta following alongside. Once the move has finished, Bayonetta is free to combo the helpless enemy in the sky to her heart's content.

Tip

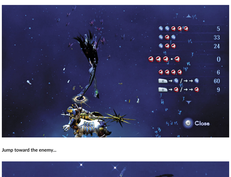
Witch Strike and After Burner Kick are two of the easiest ways to launch enemies, but stylish action veterans should be able to easily find launcher techniques that don't require special moves bought from the shop. Experiment!

JUMP CANCELLING

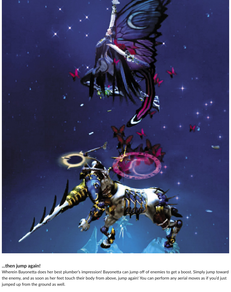
In the middle of a move?

No problem! Just jump out of it!
Jump cancelling is the principle that nearly any animation can be interrupted simply by jumping. This can be used for defense to keep yourself out of harm's way, but it can also be used offensively to quickly move between enemies, or start new attacks before current ones have finished.

GET A LIFT FROM ENEMIES!

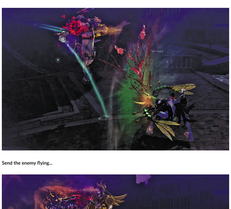


Jump toward the enemy...



...then jump again!
Whenever Bayonetta does her best plumber's impression! Bayonetta can jump off of enemies to get a boost. Simply jump toward the enemy, and as soon as her foot touch their body from above, jump again! You can perform any aerial moves as if you'd just jumped up from the ground as well.

WALL BOUNCE

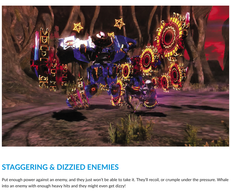


Send the enemy flying...

...and they'll bounce off the wall.

They're still helpless! Go get 'em!
Fine things are more stylish than bouncing your enemy around like a pinball! Many battle areas in Bayonetta 2 have boundaries, be they physical or magical. Slam enemies against them with enough force and they'll bounce off of those boundaries, ripe for the combining.

A great time to take advantage of this ability is after a Wicked Weave (i.e., with Salamandra), or a successfully landed Stiletto (i.e., with Kulka).

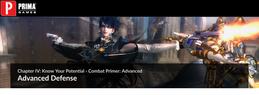


STAGGERING & DIZZIED ENEMIES

Put enough power against an enemy, and they just won't be able to take it. They'll recoil, or crumple under the pressure. Whale into an enemy with enough heavy hits and they might even get dizzy!

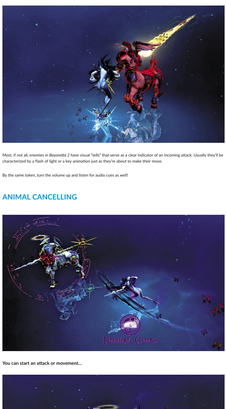
Note

The easiest way to experience this is with the Tatemikazuchi. Its awesome power stops most lower enemies in their tracks.



Advanced Defense

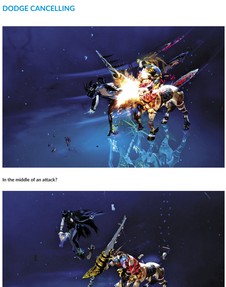
LOOK FOR CUES!



Most, if not all, enemies in Bayonetta 2 have visual "tells" that serve as a clear indicator of an incoming attack. Usually they'll be characterized by a flash of light or a key animation just as they're about to make their move.

By the same token, turn the volume up and listen for audio cues as well!

ANIMAL CANCELLING



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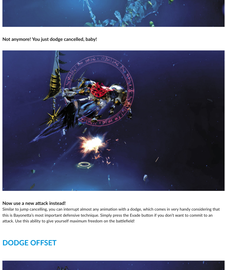
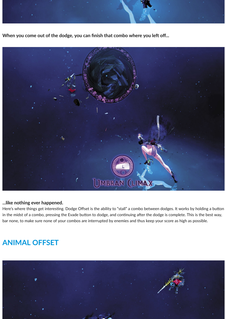


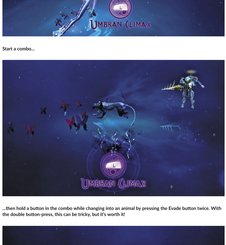
...then activate Panther Within! Now get out of there!
You guessed it: you can interrupt actions and animations by changing into animal forms as well! Try it with Panther Within for the easiest time.

DODGE CANCELLING

In the middle of an attack?



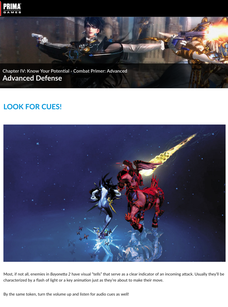
Not anymore! You just dodge cancelled, baby!



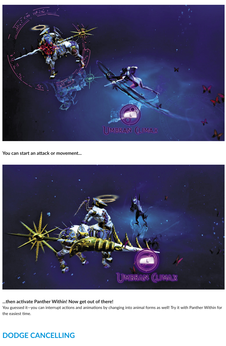
Now use a new attack instead!
Similar to jump cancelling, you can interrupt almost any animation with a dodge, which comes in very handy considering that this is Bayonetta's most important defensive technique. Simply press the Evade button if you don't want to commit to an attack. Use this ability to give yourself maximum freedom on the battlefield!

DODGE OFFSET

Start a combo...



...then hold a button in the combo while dodging.



When you come out of the dodge, you can finish that combo where you left off...

...like nothing ever happened.
Here's where things get interesting. Dodge Offset is the ability to "stall" a combo between dodges. It works by holding a button in the midst of a combo; pressing the Evade button to dodge, and continuing after the dodge is complete. This is the best way, bar none, to make sure none of your combos are interrupted by enemies and thus keep your score as high as possible.

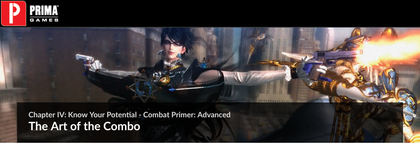
ANIMAL OFFSET

Start a combo...

...then hold a button in the combo while changing into an animal by pressing the Evade button twice. With the double button-press, this can be tricky, but it's worth it!

Dart around to your heart's content...

...then finish the combo!
Here's where things get crazy. Not only can you offset a combo through a dodge, but you can also do so through an animal form! Take those Wicked Weaves with you wherever you go! Again, performing this with Panther Within is the easiest way.



Chapter IV: Know Your Potential - Combat Primer: Advanced

The Art of the Combo

As we've stressed multiple times so far, getting high combo ranks is essential for mastery of *Bayonetta 2*. In this section, we outline how to maximize your combo potential, and prove to the world that you're exploding with style!

THE COMBO COUNTER

As explained in the Basic Combat section, each hit adds to your combo count and the multiplier. If you want to make both *rise* faster, simply hit harder and faster. Equip weapons like the Rakshasa and Takemikazuchi to see these principles in action for yourself.

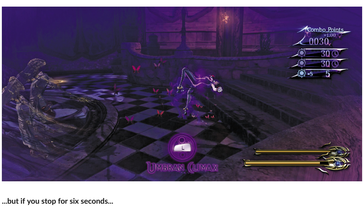
TAUNT ENEMIES FOR HIGH SCORE

Hitting enemies normally.

Hitting angry enemies. All that extra anger goes into your score!
Think you can take the heat? Taunt enemies wherever you can—or wear the Gaze of Despair accessory—to enrage enemies, making them move faster, hit faster, and hit harder! The tradeoff, however, is greatly increased point yield per attack you land! Use this if you're struggling to get Platinum score medals.

THE SIX-SECOND RULE

Hit enemies to keep the combo going...



...but if you stop for six seconds...

...so does the counter! Don't let that happen!
Want an easy way to keep your combo rising? Just keep track of one thing: How long it's been since you last hit an enemy. In *Bayonetta 2*, you're allowed six full seconds between hits before the combo counter resets.

Even if you tag an enemy from across the battlefield, your combo doesn't end!

EXTENDING YOUR COMBO

TAUNTS

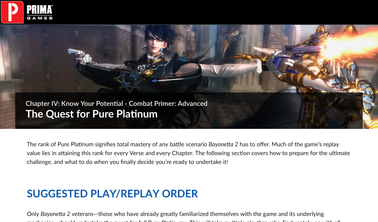
Taunts also stall the combo counter briefly, which can mean the difference between a Platinum rank or a Gold. Some Verses also have multiple phases of battle that can be interrupted by things like cutscenes. You can often taunt to stall the combo counter once you've cleared the first phase of enemies so that your counter remains intact once you enter the second phase. This is essential for attaining Pure Platinum ranks some Verses, including boss battles.

GUN ATTACKS

Once you've defeated an enemy, hold the Action button to fire your gun. Bayonetta will automatically tag another enemy, and your combo counter will continue. This should always be your fallback technique in battle—always keep your gun going if you don't have an enemy directly in your sights.

DODGE OFFSET

As explained earlier, Dodge Offset allows you to dodge incoming attacks even while in mid-combo, so you don't have to stop dishing out the pain, and so you can toss out your beloved Wicked Weaves more often. Never forget it!



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The Quest for Pure Platinum

The rank of Pure Platinum signifies total mastery of any battle scenario *Bayonetta 2* has to offer. Much of the game's replay value lies in attaining this rank for every Verse and every Chapter. The following section covers how to prepare for the ultimate challenge, and what to do when you finally decide you're ready to undertake it!

SUGGESTED PLAY/REPLAY ORDER

Only *Bayonetta 2* veterans—those who have already greatly familiarized themselves with the game and its underlying mechanics—should undertake the quest for full Pure Platinums. This will take multiple playthroughs. Fortunately, as with all Platinum games, there's a pretty solid path of playthroughs and actions to take to get the experience you need.

Keep in mind that the below aren't hard-and-fast rules. Figure out which way of learning works best for you.

DIFFICULTY BREAKDOWN	
DIFFICULTY	**ATTRIBUTES**
1st Climax	• The easiest of all difficulty settings. • Bayonetta takes reduced damage from hits and has eight extra orbs of magic. • Enemies attack less often.
2nd Climax	• The standard difficulty setting. • Bayonetta takes the standard amount of damage and has the standard magic gauge. • Enemies attack at the standard rate.
3rd Climax	• Harder than 2nd Climax. • Bayonetta takes extra damage from hits. • Enemies attack more often than normal and can dodge more of Bayonetta's attacks outside of Witch Time. • The timing required for gaining Witch Time via dodges is tighter.
∞ Climax	• The hardest difficulty setting. • Bayonetta takes large amount of damage per hit. • Enemies move faster, attack more often than normal, and can dodge many more of Bayonetta's attacks outside of Witch Time. • The timing required for gaining Witch Time via dodges is much tighter.

Tip

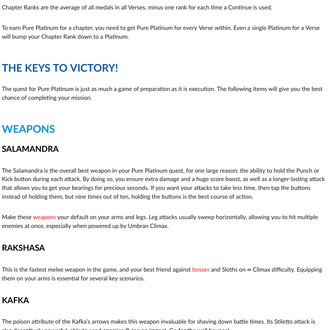
Be sure to check out the "Go for Pure Platinum!" strategies throughout the Walkthrough, starting in the next chapter!

PLAYTHROUGH ORDER	
PLAYTHROUGH #	**PERSONAL OBJECTIVES**
1st Playthrough/Difficulty: 2nd Climax (or 1st Climax if new to action games)	• Get acclimated to the game systems – how attacks, dodges and Witch Time work and are beneficial to the player. • Don't worry too much about ranks. Instead focus on getting through the story and building your arsenal through LPs, Broken Witch Hearts, Broken Moon Pearls and Time Accessories. • Use Easy Mode if you're struggling. Don't worry, it doesn't affect your Verse Score. Equip the Immortal Marionette accessory until you are comfortable with the flow of the game, then remove it as you would training wheels. Once 1st Climax playthrough is complete, move on to 2nd Climax.
2nd Playthrough/Difficulty: 2nd Climax	• Enjoy 2nd Climax with newfound power from your new weapons, your increased statistics, and your heightened skills brought about by personal experience. • Do your best to gain high ranks in every fight. If possible, aim for Pure Platinum—it will be within your grasp for quite a bit of the game now that you've seen every enemy firsthand.
3rd Playthrough/Difficulty: 3rd Climax	• Begin your quest for mastery of Bayonetta 2 in earnest. • Internalize enemy attacks and tells. Learn how to dodge as many attacks as possible and/or to parry all of them with the Moon of Mahaa-Kalaa. • Experiment with accessories and weapons to see which ones aid you the most in tough fights. Several suggestions are given in this section. • Wherever applicable, go for Platinum and Pure Platinum ranks.
4th Playthrough/Difficulty: ∞ Climax	• Attempt ∞ Climax once you are comfortable with 3rd Climax. • Follow the same objectives as in the previous playthrough, keeping in mind that every mistake costs more than it used to.
5th Playthrough & Beyond	• Finish attaining all collectibles, and achieve any remaining Bewitchments. This includes challenging Rodin, who you should by now stand a chance against. • Continue to practice until you are able to achieve Pure Platinum rank for every chapter in every difficulty.

THE RANKING SYSTEM

There are five levels of grading in *Bayonetta 2*, from lowest to highest: Stone, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. These grades—given out via medals—determine your overall rank in Verses and Chapters.

BY VERSE



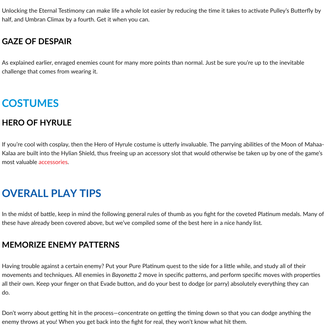
Verse Ranks are calculated by the average of three factors: Score, Time, and Damage. If you manage Platinum medals in all three fields, you're awarded a Pure Platinum medal for the Verse.

For a high Score ranking, attain a high score through high combo counts and high combo multipliers.

For a high Time ranking, finish the Verse as quickly as possible.

For a high Damage ranking, take as little damage as possible. Taking 0 damage for the Verse always results in a Platinum Damage ranking for the Verse.

BY CHAPTER



Chapter Ranks are the average of all medals in all Verses, minus one rank for each time a Continue is used.

To earn Pure Platinum for a chapter, you need to get Pure Platinum for every Verse within. Even a single Platinum for a Verse will bump your Chapter Rank down to a Platinum.

THE KEYS TO VICTORY!

The quest for Pure Platinum is just as much a game of preparation as it is execution. The following items will give you the best chance of completing your mission.

WEAPONS

SALAMANDRA

The Salamandra is the overall best weapon in your Pure Platinum quest, for one large reason: the ability to hold the Punch or Kick button during each attack. By doing so, you ensure extra damage and a huge score boost, as well as a longer-lasting attack that allows you to get your bearings for precious seconds. If you want your attacks to take less time, then tap the buttons instead of holding them, but nine times out of ten, holding the buttons is the best course of action.

Make these weapons your default on your arms and legs. Leg attacks usually sweep horizontally, allowing you to hit multiple enemies at once, especially when powered up by Umbran Climax.

RAKSHASA

This is the fastest melee weapon in the game, and your best friend against bosses and Sloths on ∞ Climax difficulty. Equipping them on your arms is essential for several key scenarios.

KAFKA

The poison attribute of the Kafka's arrows makes this weapon invaluable for shaving down battle times. Its Stiletto attack is also deceptively powerful, able to send enemies flying on impact. Go for the wall bounce!

ALRUNA

The Alruna is a deceptively powerful striking weapon on its own, but holding the Attack buttons allows it to whip and slam weaker enemies to the ground, and larger enemies during Witch Time or Umbran Climax.

ACCESSORIES

PULLEY'S BUTTERFLY

Apart from your dodge, this is your first line of defense when going for Platinum Damage medals. Pulley's Butterfly absorbs one or more hits (depending on the strength of attack absorbed), and none of the hits absorbed count against your vitality. Keep this shield on you whenever you need it.

MOON OF MAHAA-KALAA

This is your second line of defense, allowing you to parry any attack in the game by pressing the Left Analog Stick against it, and gain the advantage to counterattack while the enemy is stunned. It's simple, but incredibly effective.

ETERNAL TESTIMONY

Unlocking the Eternal Testimony can make life a whole lot easier by reducing the time it takes to activate Pulley's Butterfly by half, and Umbran Climax by a fourth. Get it when you can.

GAZE OF DESPAIR

As explained earlier, enraged enemies count for many more points than normal. Just be sure you're up to the inevitable challenge that comes from wearing it.

COSTUMES

HERO OF HYRULE

If you're cool with cosplay, then the Hero of Hyrule costume is utterly invaluable. The parrying abilities of the Moon of Mahaa-Kalaa are built into the Hylian Shield; thus freeing up an accessory slot that would otherwise be taken up by one of the game's most valuable accessories.

OVERALL PLAY TIPS

In the midst of battle, keep in mind the following general rules of thumb as you fight for the coveted Platinum medals. Many of these have already been covered above, but we've compiled some of the best here in a nice handy list.

MEMORIZE ENEMY PATTERNS

Having trouble against a certain enemy? Put your Pure Platinum quest to the side for a little while, and study all of their movements and techniques. All enemies in *Bayonetta 2* move in specific patterns, and perform specific moves with properties all their own. Keep your finger on that Evade button, and do your best to dodge (or parry) absolutely everything they can do.

Don't worry about getting hit in the process—concentrate on getting the timing down so that you can dodge anything the enemy throws at you! When you get back into the fight for real, they won't know what hit them.

USE THE CUES!

Similar to watching for enemy patterns, look for the visual and audio cues associated with enemy movements and attacks. Internalize them so that you can fight more efficiently.

USE (AND ABUSE) DODGE OFFSET

Bayonetta 2 gives you more reasons and opportunities to use Dodge Offset compared to its predecessor. If you're in a tight spot and know the enemy's about to get the upper hand, use it to get out of the way and continue your assault, and hopefully enter Witch Time! Speaking of which...

WITCH TIME, WITCH TIME, WITCH TIME!

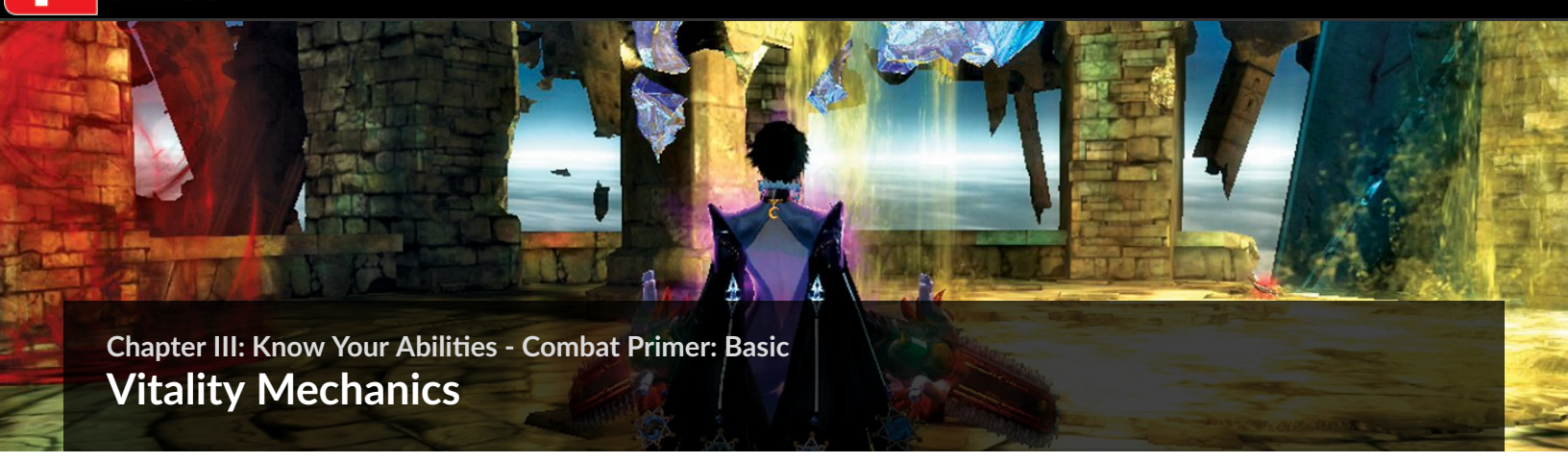
Witch Time is your best friend, period. It gives you precious breathing room with which to dispatch enemies, even on ∞ Climax difficulty. Look for opportunities to use it at every turn.

MARE TRANQUILLITATIS

Sometimes known as "fishing for parries" in fighting game jargon, repeatedly pushing the Left Analog Stick toward an enemy in anticipation of one or multiple attacks while having the Moon of Mahaa-Kalaa equipped goes a surprisingly long way. It's not a foolproof trick, however, so use it sparingly—if you're unsure of yourself, use extra protection such as Pulley's Butterfly.

ATTACK MULTIPLE ENEMIES AT ONCE

The more enemies you attack (and thus prevent from attacking) in a single stroke, the better your time score will be, and the safer you'll be in general, allowing you to get that all-important Platinum Damage medal. Weapons like the Rakshasa and Salamandra excel at this.



Vitality Mechanics

Stylish action, climax action, character action—whatever you call it, it's all about awesome characters with awesome abilities fighting awesome enemies in awesome-looking ways. In this chapter and the next, we're going to break down all of the awesomeness at your disposal so that you may dispatch it upon your enemies at will!

VITALITY MECHANICS

Keeping track of Bayonetta's vitality is the most important thing you can do as you play, because if that vitality reaches zero, you're out of the fight!

THE VITALITY GAUGE

Bayonetta starts with a single green vitality gauge at the beginning of the game. By finding Broken Witch Hearts in Story chapters and buying whole Witch Hearts at The Gates of Hell, Bayonetta can increase her vitality to two full meters.

LOW VITALITY STATE

If you take enough damage in combat, red will surround the screen, informing you that you're close seeing that Continue screen. Watch yourself from here on in, or use a vitality-regenerating item to heal up!

USING THE RED HOT SHOT

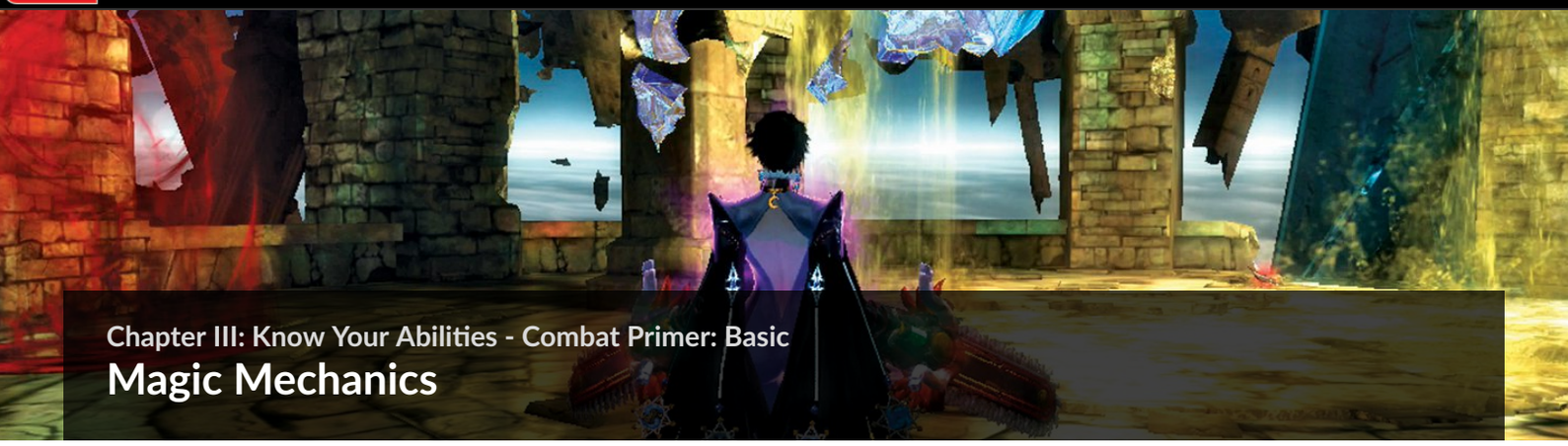
If you've acquired a Red Hot Shot and Bayonetta's vitality depletes to zero, you'll see a dialog asking if you want to use it. If you answer Yes, you'll continue at that exact point you lost with partial vitality. Finish the fight!

GAME OVER

If you don't have a Red Hot Shot, or you decline to use it, you'll be booted to the Continue screen. You then have the option to Continue with full vitality at the cost of a full Chapter Rank. Decline and it's Game Over. You'll have to start the Chapter again.

Note

Here's the punchline: If you're an advanced player going for Pure Platinum ranks in a Verse or a Chapter, all of the above is moot, because to get Pure Platinum, *you don't ever want to get hit*. Have fun! For tips on how to not get hit (and get the Pure Platinums you crave), see the Advanced Combat chapter, especially The Quest for Pure Platinum section within.



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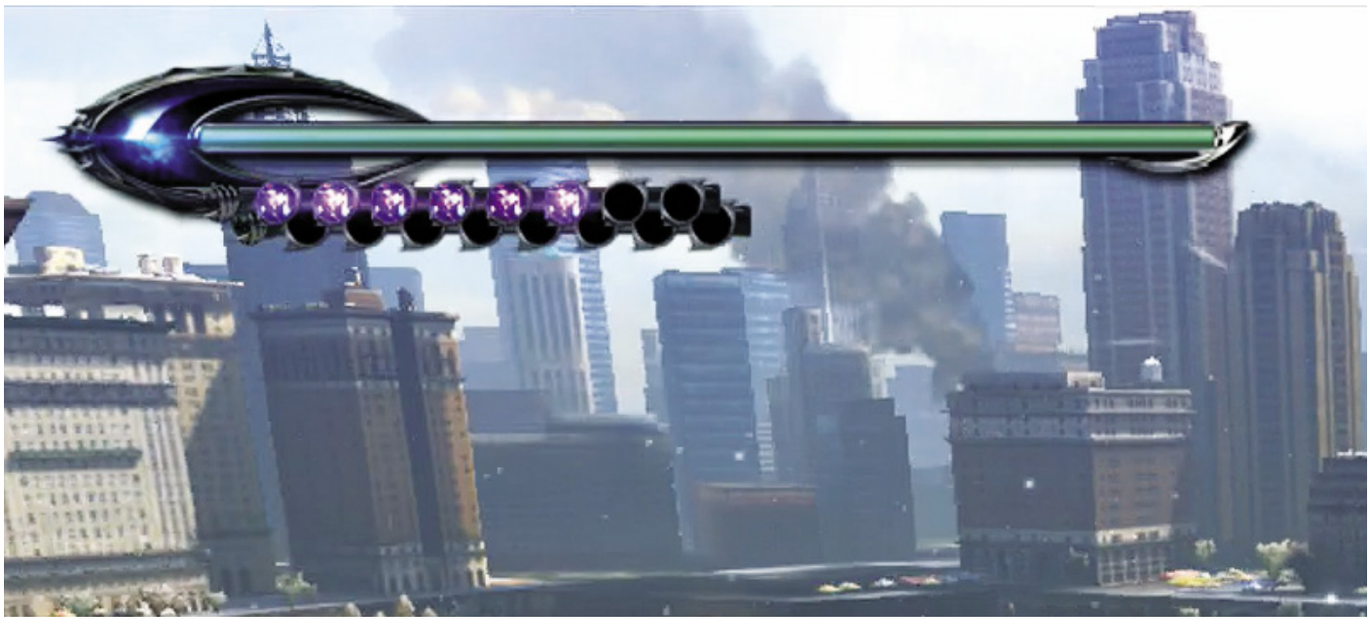
Magic Mechanics

Managing Bayonetta's magic is another highly important skill in *Bayonetta 2*. Magic is the source of Bayonetta's most powerful techniques. Such techniques are the difference between being stylish and being *platinum*-stylish.



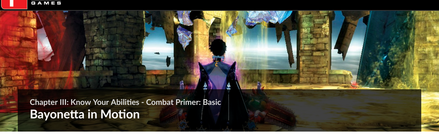
THE MAGIC GAUGE

Bayonetta starts with eight small purple magic orbs at her disposal (which amount to one large magic orb when all eight are filled.) This is enough for most accessories' abilities, one Umbran Climax, or one Torture Attack. Not too shabby, but as the game rolls on, you're going to want to do better.

By finding Broken Moon Pearls in Story chapters and buying whole Moon Pearls at The Gates of Hell, Bayonetta can increase her magic power to a maximum of 24 small magic orbs (or three large magic orbs when all are filled). If you're going for Pure Platinum runs or just want more power fast, prioritize collecting Moon Pearls first.

Tip

If you're playing on 1st Climax difficulty, you take less damage and your magic gauge gains an extra eight magic orbs. Now you can really make with the magic!



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Bayonetta in Motion

The wild Bayonetta in her natural habitat is a creature of beauty and grace, destroying angels without suffering a scratch. Every battle is a practiced dance that would make ballerinas envious. Below are the components of an Umbra Witch's motion repertoire, so that you and Bayonetta may enact beautiful dances of death together.

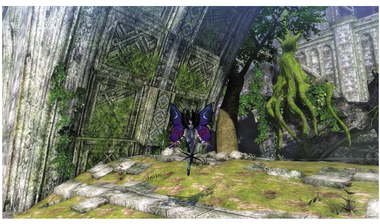
WALKING AND RUNNING

Nudge the Left Analog Stick to make Bayonetta walk, and hold it all the way to make her run. During normal play, Bayonetta will spend most of her time running along the ground and between enemies. However, if precarious platforming is afoot, or unknown terrain is coming up, you may wish to walk until you're fully aware of your surroundings.

JUMPING AND DOUBLE JUMPING

Press the Jump button to make Bayonetta jump once. Single jumping is good for when you've launched an enemy into the air and want to quickly follow up with an aerial combo. It's also good for making quick aerial maneuvers out of the reach of enemy attacks, or riding up to meet airborne enemies.

Press the Jump button twice to make Bayonetta do a double jump for maximum air. Double jumping is great for when you really need to get some room to breathe in the heat of combat, or want to prepare an assault from above. Some chargeable attacks are safest when gearing up for them at a double-jump's height as well.

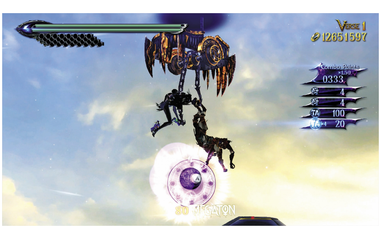


GLIDING/FLOATING

While airborne, hold the Jump button to make Bayonetta glide. Gliding is an excellent tool for platforming sequences, but also to extend your hang time between attack maneuvers.

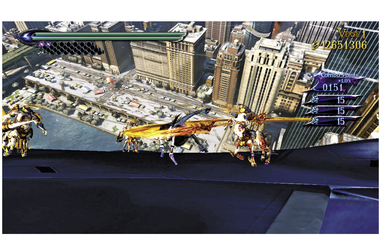
TAUNTING

Press the Taunt button to make Bayonetta taunt a single enemy. Holding the Taunt button results in a longer taunt that affects all visible enemies onscreen. Taunting enrages enemies, making them more aggressive and difficult to defeat, but it has many beneficial uses as well.



TORTURE & PUNISH ATTACKS

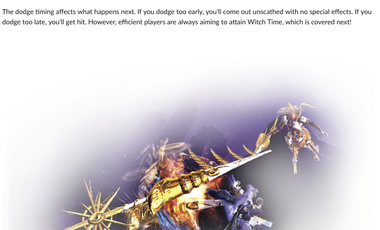
Many enemies can have Torture Attacks performed on them if Bayonetta has eight full magic orbs stored. If the Torture Attack prompt shows up in the screen's bottom center as you fight an enemy, press the requested buttons to have Bayonetta enter a Quick Time Event. Follow the prompts to inflict massive damage and gain added rewards!



EVADE/DODGE

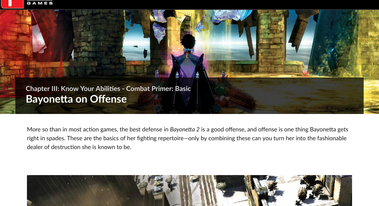
Dodging is the most important defensive move in Bayonetta's repertoire. Press the Evade button to perform this maneuver as enemy attacks approach, and Bayonetta will flip out of the way. Bayonetta can dodge in the air as well.

The dodge timing affects what happens next. If you dodge too early, you'll come out unscathed with no special effects. If you dodge too late, you'll get hit. However, efficient players are always aiming to attain Witch Time, which is covered next!



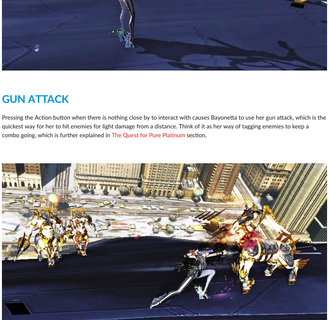
WITCH TIME

Witch Time is the second most important defensive ability in Bayonetta's repertoire, and it's primarily activated by dodging an attack as close to getting hit by it as possible. In Witch Time, the entire world slows around Bayonetta, letting her move and attack enemies with impunity as they are left largely helpless by their slowed state. Use this time to get really stylish!



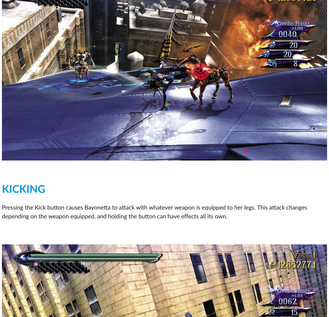
Bayonetta on Offense

More so than in most action games, the best defense in *Bayonetta 2* is a good offense, and offense is one thing Bayonetta gets right in spades. These are the basics of her fighting repertoire—only by combining these can you turn her into the fashionable dealer of destruction she is known to be.



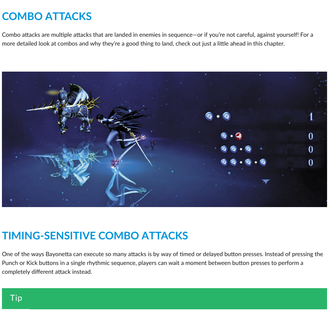
GUN ATTACK

Pressing the Action button when there is nothing close by to interact with causes Bayonetta to use her gun attack, which is the quickest way for her to hit enemies for light damage from a distance. Think of it as her way of tagging enemies to keep a combo going, which is further explained in The Quest for Pure Platinum section.



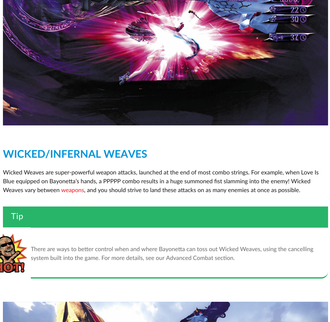
PUNCHING

Pressing the Punch button causes Bayonetta to attack with whatever weapon is equipped to her arms. This attack changes depending on the weapon equipped, and holding the button can have effects all its own.



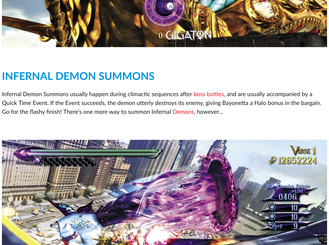
KICKING

Pressing the Kick button causes Bayonetta to attack with whatever weapon is equipped to her legs. This attack changes depending on the weapon equipped, and holding the button can have effects all its own.



COMBO ATTACKS

Combo attacks are multiple attacks that are landed in enemies in sequence—or if you're not careful, against yourself! For a more detailed look at combos and why they're a good thing to land, check out just a little ahead in this chapter.



TIMING-SENSITIVE COMBO ATTACKS

One of the ways Bayonetta can execute so many attacks is by way of timed or delayed button presses. Instead of pressing the Punch or Kick buttons in a single rhythmic sequence, players can wait a moment between button presses to perform a completely different attack instead.

Tip

If you're executing combos on the practice screen, the delay between button presses is noted with a dot.

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Special Combat Techniques

Just as Buzzwinks has her basic offensive abilities, she also has her more complex attacks, which can really bring down the house if used in the correct situation. Nearly all of these can be performed at the Cabin's Hall over the course of the game.

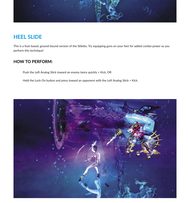
STILETTO

This technique allows you to quickly thrust forward at any enemy you have in your sights. It's great for mobility, starting a battle, or getting back in the fray so that your combo isn't broken. Stilletto can also be performed in the air.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Push the Left Analog Stick toward an enemy twice quickly + Punch, OR

Hold the Lock On button and press toward an opponent with the Left Analog Stick + Punch.



HEEL SLIDE

This is a fast-based, ground-bound version of the Stilletto. Try equipping guns on your feet for added combo power as you perform this technique!

HOW TO PERFORM:

Push the Left Analog Stick toward an enemy twice quickly + Kick, OR

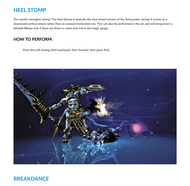
Hold the Lock On button and press toward an opponent with the Left Analog Stick + Kick.

TETSUZANKO

The most cage-shaping attack for kits with incredible force. Think of it as a one-two punch performed with your spins. It can also be performed in the air. If there are three or more orbs full in the magic gauge, this attack comes with a Wicked Weave assist as well.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Press the Left Analog Stick backward, then forward, then press Punch.

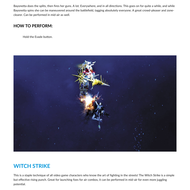


HEEL STOMP

The world's strongest stomp! The Heel Stomp is basically the foot-based version of the Tetsuzanko, except it counts as a launcher. Unleash this attack on your opponent when they're in the air. It can also be performed in the air, and will bring down a Wicked Weave even if there are three or more orbs full in the magic gauge.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Press the Left Analog Stick backward, then forward, then press Kick.

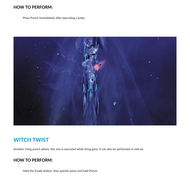


BREAKDANCE

Buzzwinks does the splits, then flies her guns. A lot. Everywhere, and in all directions. This goes up for quite a while, and while Buzzwinks is performing this attack, anyone unfortunate enough to be in the way will be damaged by her constant shower of bullets. It can be performed in mid-air as well.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Hold the Evade button.



WITCH STRIKE

This is a staple technique of all video game characters who know the art of fighting in the streets! The Witch Strike is a simple but effective rising punch. Great for launching foes for air combos. It can be performed in mid-air for even more juggling potential.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Press Punch immediately after executing a jump.

WITCH TWIST

Another rising punch attack, this one is executed while firing guns. It can also be performed in mid-air.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Hold the Evade button, then quickly press and hold Punch.

AFTER BURNER KICK

This cool-looking kick treats an mid-foe speedy to knock enemies into the air, or out of it! It's great as a combo starter or ender, or if you just want to hurt the enemy as it doesn't get out of range of your assault. Can be performed in mid-air.

HOW TO PERFORM:

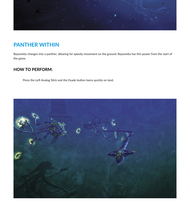
Do twice, press Kick immediately after executing a jump. During descent, press the Left Analog Stick in any direction + Kick.

HEEL TORNADO

Heel Tornado is a rising kick attack performed with guns blazing. It can also be performed in the air.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Hold the Evade button, then quickly press and hold Kick.



CHARGE BULLET

When Buzzwinks is charge her bowdown gun attack and give off powerful charged shots aimed her normal ones.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Hold the Action button until your weapon shows you're fully charged, then tap the Action button.

PANTHER WITHIN

Buzzwinks changes into a panther, allowing for speedy movement on the ground. Buzzwinks has the power from the start of the game.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Press the Left Analog Stick and the Evade button twice quickly on land.

SNAKE WITHIN

Buzzwinks changes into a snake allowing herself to swim underwater.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Press the Left Analog Stick and the Evade button twice quickly underwater. As a snake, Buzzwinks can press the Jump button to dash.

BAT WITHIN

Buzzwinks changes into a flock of bats, avoiding enemy attacks in the process!

HOW TO PERFORM:

Press the Evade button at the exact instant Buzzwinks would have otherwise taken damage from an incoming attack.

CROW WITHIN

Buzzwinks changes into a crow, allowing herself to fly through the air temporarily! While transformed Buzzwinks can unleash crow feathers with the Punch and Kick buttons.

HOW TO PERFORM:

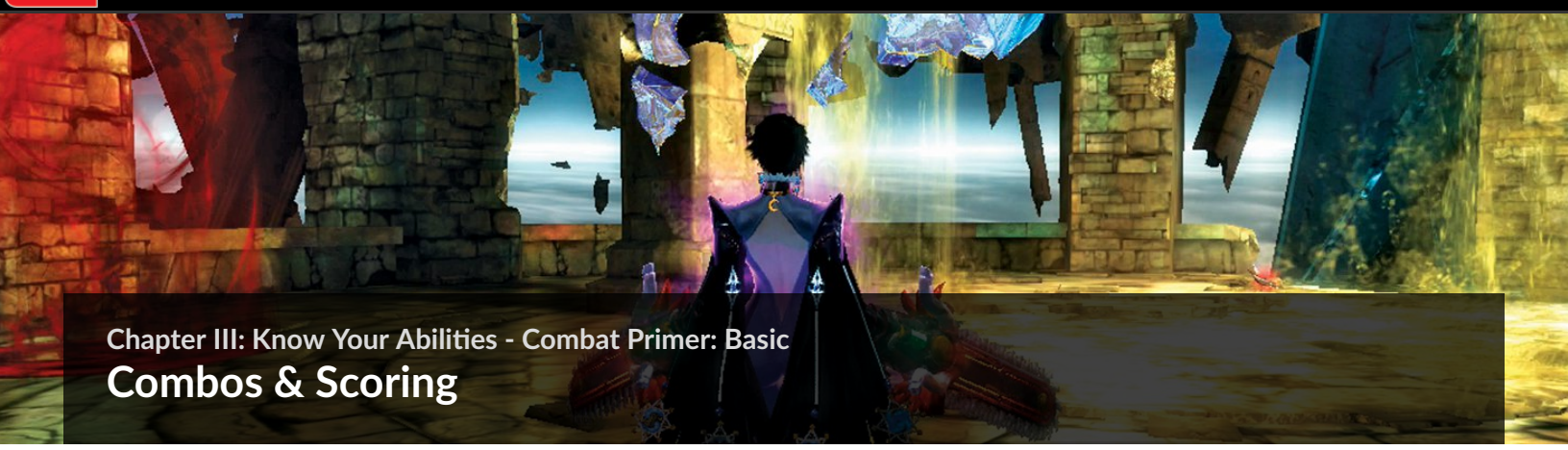
Press the Left Analog Stick and the Evade button twice quickly in mid-air.

UMBRAN SPEAR

In this fast attack, Buzzwinks turns into a crow and dive attacks an enemy. It can be performed in the air, and can be activated even when Buzzwinks is in the Tunnel form.

HOW TO PERFORM:

Press the Lock On button twice quickly.



Chapter III: Know Your Abilities - Combat Primer: Basic

Combos & Scoring

We've been talking about "combos" for a while now, but just what are they?

A "combo"— or "combination attack" in this context—is a string of attacks delivered in quick succession within a certain amount of time. In this game, sometimes enemies are knocked back by combos, and at other times they simply take the hits while preparing to deal a more powerful one against you. Such outcomes depend on various factors, such as the type of enemy faced, the weapon being wielded, the difficulty the game is set to, whether the enemy has already been staggered or angered by a taunt, and so on.

Combos, however, are key to getting high scores in the *Bayonetta* series, and what lets you know how you're doing on that front at all times is the combo meter.

COMBO METER

The combo meter records and scores every hit Bayonetta deals to an enemy, great or small.

COMBO SCORE

As mentioned earlier, each hit in a combo is worth a certain number of points. As you perform your combo, the points earned per hit are totaled at the top, with the multiplier just above it. This multiplier is very important.

COMBO MULTIPLIER

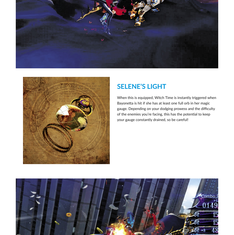
The combo multiplier rises as your combo lengthens, which is another important reason to keep combos going. The longer your combo, the higher the multiplier attached to your score, meaning the higher your score when the combo ends. The multiplier maxes out at x9.99, and you should try to keep the combo going with the multiplier at that value, or as close to that value, as you possibly can for best results.

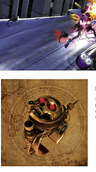
ANGERED ENEMIES

By taunting enemies (or wearing the Gaze of Despair accessory, purchasable from The Gates of Hell) you can turn their aggressiveness up to 11. However, in an angered state, enemies are worth more points per hit while requiring more hits to defeat! Your score will skyrocket if you're skilled enough to survive the assault!

Accessories

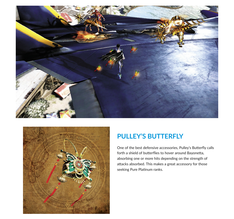
Accessories heighten Bayonetta's offensive and defensive abilities, extending her combat possibilities. All of the following can be bought at The Gates of Hell.





SELENE'S LIGHT

When this is equipped, Witch Time is instantly triggered when Bayonetta is hit if she has at least one full orb in her magic gauge. Depending on your dodging prowess and the difficulty of the enemies you're facing, this has the potential to keep your gauge constantly drained, so be careful!

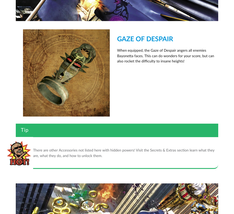


INFERNAL COMMUNICATOR

The Infernal Communicator calls upon the band of "Little Devils" to attack any enemy Bayonetta attacks. Use this accessory when you need a slight boost to your offensive abilities.

PULLEY'S BUTTERFLY

One of the best defensive accessories, Pulley's Butterfly calls forth a shield of butterflies to hover around Bayonetta, protecting her from attacks and expending an amount of attacks absorbed. This makes a great accessory for those seeking Pure Platinum ranks.

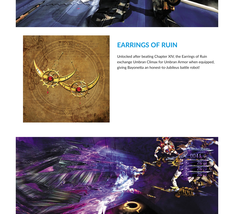


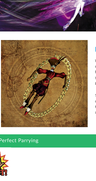
STAR OF DINÉTA

With the Star equipped, Bayonetta regains a tiny bit of vitality by taunting enemies. It may not seem like much, but sometimes it's the difference between life and death!

EVIL HARVEST ROSARY

When the Rosary is equipped, Witch Time is disabled. Instead, an explosion occurs every time Bayonetta dodges an attack. The closer she is to being hit when she dodges, the bigger the explosion. Purchase Bat Within to maximize this accessory's potential!



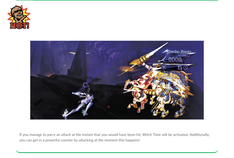


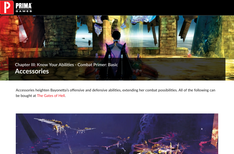
GAZE OF DESPAIR

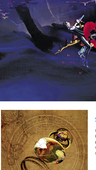
When equipped, the Gaze of Despair angers all enemies Bayonetta faces. This can do wonders for your score, but can also rocket the difficulty to insane heights!

Tip

There are other Accessories not listed here with hidden powers! Visit the Secrets & Extras section learn what they are, what they do, and how to unlock them.







MALLET OF REWARDS

When Bayonetta has the Mallet of Rewards equipped, enemies drop greater rewards when Torture Attacks are performed on them. It's great if you feel yourself in need of Purple Butterflies and Green Laurels, or just more money.

MOON OF MAHAA-KALAA

Another of Bayonetta 2's best defensive accessories, this will allow Bayonetta to perform a counter attack when the Wicked Weave Stick is pushed in the opposite direction of the attack when she is about to be hit. Why use this instead of dodging? The risk matches the reward—any attack parried using the Moon causes the enemy that launched it to recoil, giving Bayonetta the advantage she needs to hit back!

EARRINGS OF RUIN

Unlocked after beating Chapter XIV, the Earrings of Ruin exchange Umbran Climax for Umbran Armor when equipped, giving Bayonetta an honest-to-kaiklesu battle ration!

IMMORTAL MARIONETTE

With this accessory equipped, Bayonetta pulls off stylish combos automatically with the single touch of an Attack button. Unlocked after beating Chapter XIII on Normal difficulty, if you use this accessory on 2nd Climax difficulty or above, all points gained in battle are halved.

The Immortal Marionette occupies a separate slot from all other accessories. Therefore you can use it in conjunction with two other accessories. The Marionette is unlocked by playing and/or beating 1st Climax difficulty.

Perfect Parrying

If you manage to parry an attack at the instant that you would have been hit, Witch Time will be activated. Additionally, you can get it's a powerful counter by attacking at the moment this happens!

Ability Guide

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Ability Overview

Abilities are special actions that can be performed by characters in the game. They can be used to attack enemies, heal allies, or provide other benefits. Abilities can be activated by pressing a button or by using a combination of buttons.

Ability Tiers

Abilities are divided into three tiers: Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3. Tier 1 abilities are the most basic and are available to all characters. Tier 2 abilities are more powerful and are available to characters who have reached a certain level. Tier 3 abilities are the most powerful and are available to characters who have reached the highest level.

Ability Rarity

Abilities can also be rarity. Common abilities are the most basic and are available to all characters. Uncommon abilities are more powerful and are available to characters who have reached a certain level. Rare abilities are the most powerful and are available to characters who have reached the highest level.

Ability Upgrades

Abilities can be upgraded by using ability points. Ability points are earned by leveling up and by completing quests. Upgrading an ability will increase its power and effectiveness.

Ability Cooldowns

Abilities have a cooldown period after they are used. This means that you cannot use the ability again until the cooldown period has expired. The cooldown period is shown on the ability icon.

Ability Damage

Abilities can deal damage to enemies. The amount of damage dealt by an ability is shown on the ability icon. Damage can be reduced by armor and other defensive abilities.

Ability Effects

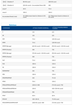
Abilities can have various effects, such as healing, buffing, or debuffing. The effects of an ability are shown on the ability icon.

Ability Synergies

Abilities can synergize with each other. This means that using two abilities together can be more powerful than using them separately. Synergies are shown on the ability icon.

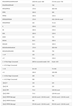
Ability Combos

Abilities can be combined into combos. Combos are sequences of abilities that can be used to deal more damage or to create other effects. Combos are shown on the ability icon.



Ability Builds

Ability builds are sets of abilities that are chosen to work well together. Builds can be customized to suit your playstyle and the challenges you are facing.



Ability Tips and Tricks

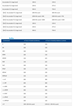
Here are some tips and tricks for using abilities:

- Use abilities that synergize with each other.
- Use abilities that counter your opponent's abilities.
- Use abilities that are appropriate for the situation.
- Use abilities that are within your skill level.
- Use abilities that you enjoy using.

Ability Strategies

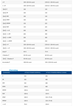
Here are some strategies for using abilities:

- Use abilities to control the battlefield.
- Use abilities to deal damage to enemies.
- Use abilities to heal allies.
- Use abilities to buff allies.
- Use abilities to debuff enemies.



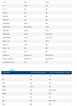
Ability Counters

Abilities can be countered by other abilities. For example, a shield ability can counter a damage ability. Counters are shown on the ability icon.



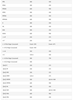
Ability Weaknesses

Abilities can have weaknesses. For example, a fire ability may be weak against water abilities. Weaknesses are shown on the ability icon.



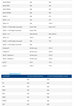
Ability Resistances

Abilities can have resistances. For example, a fire ability may be resistant to fire damage. Resistances are shown on the ability icon.



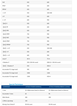
Ability Immunities

Abilities can have immunities. For example, a fire ability may be immune to fire damage. Immunities are shown on the ability icon.



Ability Interactions

Abilities can interact with each other in various ways. For example, a shield ability can block a damage ability. Interactions are shown on the ability icon.



Ability Mechanics

Ability mechanics are the rules that govern how abilities work. For example, the mechanics of a damage ability may include the amount of damage it deals, the range of the ability, and the cooldown period.

Ability Formulas

Ability formulas are the mathematical equations that are used to calculate the effects of abilities. For example, the formula for a damage ability may include the amount of damage it deals, the range of the ability, and the cooldown period.

Ability Calculations

Ability calculations are the process of using ability formulas to calculate the effects of abilities. For example, a player may calculate the amount of damage that a damage ability will deal to an enemy.

Ability Optimization

Ability optimization is the process of choosing abilities and builds that are most effective for a given situation. For example, a player may optimize their abilities and builds to deal the most damage to an enemy.

Ability Customization

Ability customization is the process of changing the appearance of abilities. For example, a player may customize the color of their damage ability.

Ability Modification

Ability modification is the process of changing the mechanics of abilities. For example, a player may modify the range of their damage ability.

Ability Creation

Ability creation is the process of creating new abilities. For example, a player may create a new damage ability that deals more damage than existing damage abilities.

Ability Design

Ability design is the process of designing new abilities. For example, a player may design a new damage ability that has a unique effect.

Ability Development

Ability development is the process of developing new abilities. For example, a player may develop a new damage ability that is more powerful than existing damage abilities.

Ability Testing

Ability testing is the process of testing new abilities. For example, a player may test a new damage ability to see how much damage it deals.

Ability Balancing

Ability balancing is the process of balancing abilities. For example, a player may balance a new damage ability so that it is not too powerful or too weak.

Ability Feedback

Ability feedback is the process of providing feedback on abilities. For example, a player may provide feedback on a new damage ability that they think is too powerful.

Ability Updates

Ability updates are changes to abilities. For example, a player may update a damage ability to make it more powerful.

Ability Changes

Ability changes are changes to abilities. For example, a player may change the range of their damage ability.

Ability Patch Notes

Ability patch notes are notes that describe changes to abilities. For example, a player may read patch notes that describe changes to a damage ability.

Ability Release Notes

Ability release notes are notes that describe new abilities. For example, a player may read release notes that describe a new damage ability.

Ability Roadmap

Ability roadmap is a plan for future ability changes. For example, a player may read a roadmap that describes new damage abilities that will be added in the future.

Ability Future Plans

Ability future plans are plans for future ability changes. For example, a player may read future plans that describe new damage abilities that will be added in the future.

Ability Community

Ability community is a group of players who discuss abilities. For example, a player may join an ability community to discuss damage abilities.

Ability Forums

Ability forums are forums where players discuss abilities. For example, a player may post on an ability forum to discuss damage abilities.

Ability Discussions

Ability discussions are discussions about abilities. For example, a player may participate in an ability discussion about damage abilities.

Ability Guides

Ability guides are guides that provide information about abilities. For example, a player may read an ability guide that describes how to use damage abilities.

Ability Videos

Ability videos are videos that provide information about abilities. For example, a player may watch an ability video that demonstrates how to use damage abilities.

Ability Streams

Ability streams are streams that provide information about abilities. For example, a player may watch an ability stream that demonstrates how to use damage abilities.

Ability Events

Ability events are events that feature abilities. For example, a player may participate in an ability event that features damage abilities.

Ability Tournaments

Ability tournaments are tournaments that feature abilities. For example, a player may participate in an ability tournament that features damage abilities.

Ability Leaderboards

Ability leaderboards are leaderboards that track the performance of players who use abilities. For example, a player may view an ability leaderboard that tracks the performance of players who use damage abilities.

Ability Achievements

Ability achievements are achievements that are earned by using abilities. For example, a player may earn an ability achievement for using a damage ability to deal a certain amount of damage.

Ability Rewards

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Ability Trophies

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Ability Badges

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Ability Emotes

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Ability Skins

Ability skins are skins that are earned by using abilities. For example, a player may earn an ability skin for using a damage ability to deal a certain amount of damage.

Ability Cosmetics

Ability cosmetics are cosmetics that are earned by using abilities. For example, a player may earn an ability cosmetic for using a damage ability to deal a certain amount of damage

Chapter VI: Know Your Enemies

Angels

The armies of Paradiso and Inferna loose no mercy, and are seemingly infinite in number. If you're going to fight a force with near against them, you'll need to have intimate knowledge of what they're in their ranks. Study up on every foe you'll ever meet here.

ACCEPTANCE

THIRD SPHERE ANGELS

Among the nine ranks in the angelic hierarchy, Acceptance belongs to the bottom of the Third Sphere called Angels, the hierarchy's lowest rank. It appears to those who are imminently away from death in a half-human, half-seraphic form with glittering wings.

Characterized at the symbol of death and acceptance, various legends tell of Acceptance solemnly placing the souls of the dead upon his back and carrying them away, ignoring their past deeds and any pleas for a second chance.

BELIEF

SECOND SPHERE POWERS

Belonging to the Second Sphere, Beliefs are considered a Power, the sixth rank of the angelic hierarchy. Their divinity, dominating any orders them an ideal candidate for giving orders on the front lines during wars with Inferna.

The gigantic, snakelike right arm of Beliefs has caused them to often be depicted in legends as a beloved ally of humanity. Their greatest desire is meant to be a divine relay for bonding with with its unwavering faith.

ACCOLADE

THIRD SPHERE ARCHANGELS

A large angel belonging to the Third Sphere, tasked with commanding the lowest-ranking angels.

Accolades are adept at using many of Paradiso's weaponry, including swords, spears, hammers, and whips. They use these to instill fear into the hearts of all those who oppose them, including those who are loyal to Ingenal, at times they were said to have answered the prayers of the most devout followers by temporarily bestowing upon them one of these divine instruments.

VALIANCE

FIRST SPHERE CHERUBIM

Valiance is a First Sphere Cherub considered particularly ascended as a spiritual being even among the other angelic Cherubim. Valiance is the fifth rank of the angelic hierarchy. It is metaphysical form that encompasses the majesty of God.

The most ambitious and brave of the Cherubim, there are some sources that believe Valiance first arrived on Earth thousands of years before the rest of God's wrath that dominated everything in his way.

Valiance's sword, the Valiantium Blade, is said to have the power to cut a line anything in Paradiso or Inferna, and is prophesized to one day avoid a burn of over a hundred horses in raising humanity from the dreading hell.

CACHET & COMPASSION

THIRD SPHERE ANGELS

Belonging to the lowest rank of angels, these two angels are said to have been sacred weapons brought to Paradiso after the heroes they traveled with came to the end of a long journey.

Charged with protecting the gates of Paradiso, their powerful blades deal swift justice to anyone who carelessly trespasses into the divine realm.

URBANE

SECOND SPHERE VIRTUES

The changers of a new era will always give birth to new angels. This is Urbane, the angel who gives the first Virtue its name. Urbane's blood bears its faith on feelings that change with mankind's material dimensions.

As a notably advanced being even compared to other angels, Urbane is said to have been the first angel to ever learn the art of shapeshifting into humans. It matters now, he often appears as a giant with a ball and chain on each of his arms.

Urbane's power to endure the triumphs of civilization to more solace with a single swing of his arm most likely reflects the subconscious fears man harbors toward both the natural world and their own society.

ENRAPTURE

THIRD SPHERE ARCHANGELS

Though eighth in the angelic hierarchy, Enrapture was born many eons ago and it was considered the oldest angel to have ever existed.

Given the task of leading humans to bliss by speaking directly to their spirits, it is said that the creation of Enrapture was what inspired creation.

There are many theories debated as to why this angel possesses its strange form of two human bodies scarred at the torso; perhaps, they're meant to record the bounds of human understanding, or maybe, in the form of a mirror, they're meant to reflect the unknowable nature of divine. All of this angel while its form was refracted between dimensions.

FIDELITY

THIRD SPHERE ARCHANGELS

Considered a creature of the sea due to its fish-like body and multiple tentacle like arms, Fidelity departed from the ocean to respect humanity with their primeval mechanics.

Those who forget their past and begin to disrupt the serenity of the sin often dragged by this angel to the darkest depths of the ocean.

The ocean is a sacred place, the one of Earth that is closest to Paradiso, so Fidelity's presence is said to be a sign that the angelic hierarchy considers its human hosts since the beginning of time. A large celestial of even the sea's expanse, and until this day there has never been a human who has witnessed the seas in their entirety.

GRAVITAS

SECOND SPHERE DOMINIONS

A Dominion in the Second Sphere of angels, The name Gravitas means stern and severe, so this angel is often depicted as large, unmatched mountains in human frozen in ice.

His existence said to have supernatural for eons, and it shows no change through the passage of time. Gravitas awaits silently for an opponent willing to sacrifice everything to face him.

ALLEGIANCE

THIRD SPHERE PRINCIPALITIES

Allegiance belongs as the Principalities, ranked seventh in the angelic hierarchy, and is said to be the first angel to ever be born in Paradiso, the most common type encountered in the physical realm. Allegiance, clad in solid gold armor, was granted during times of strife between Paradiso and the human world, in order to quell the armies of evil spirits.

Legends exist of Allegiance appearing before the kings of feudal nations who had prayed for the emergence of a hero; however, there are also stories of Allegiance raising through the soil in these kings' haunts and instantly inducing their enemies to rabble.

AFFINITY

THIRD SPHERE ANGELS

Servants of heaven that populate the lowest of the angelic hierarchy, a Third Sphere Living known simply as Angels. Humans who have died with a pure heart are said to be taken by Affinity and Acceptance, the two most active angels, it is believed that the glimmering halo atop an Affinity's head lights the path for those who have lost their way.

The religious artifice they equip are all tools used to further their conviction to protect the righteous and can become powerful weapons used to strike down those with rusted hearts.

APPLAUD

THIRD SPHERE ARCHANGELS

While still a member of the Third Sphere, Applauds are one step above Affinities and thus known as Archangels. Occupying the fifth rank of the angelic hierarchy, Applauds are said to be the first angels to ever have wings. It is believed that the glimmering halo atop an Affinity's head lights the path for those who have lost their way.

It is said that devoted prayer on the part of believers can call upon a host of angels to come to one's aid.

DECORATIONS

THIRD SPHERE ANGELS

With limited spiritual powers, this angel is spotted comparatively frequently within the physical, human world.

Capriciously living amoeba, they are often mistaken for Cupid. It is said that Decorations' arrows can pierce the heart of believer, can be so infuriating as the goddess of love.

FEARLESS

SECOND SPHERE DOMINIONS

Fearless are classified as Dominions, the fourth rank among the hierarchy of angels. Fearless are known for their ability to strike fear into the hearts of divine justice. Fearless make honors the majority of God to the mankind.

Atoned all of the naturally occurring lightning in the world is a result of the actions of these angels. It is said that storms with quoted gladiuss is released in the lightning flash, as the thunder signals Heaven's roar.

FAIRNESS

SECOND SPHERE VIRTUES

A Virtue charged with the administration of miracles, It is wrapped in flames when appearing in the physical world, a power emblematic of his nature.

A torrent of flame blazing as bright as the sun, these flames are considered the purest form of fire and are said to originate from the source of Fairness. However, for those out of the angel's good graces, they are the fire and brimstone of destruction.

GRACE & GLORY

SECOND SPHERE VIRTUES

Grace, shaped in flame, and Glory, controller of lightning, are the twin-vessels of the Creator. They share a wild disposition and are often depicted as parts of one heroically dueling the restless of Paradiso into battle, with their good, erstwhile weapons being symbols of their ferocity. Humanity recognizes the increased spiritual power of twins, a power that comes from the blessings of Grace and Glory.

BELOVED

SECOND SPHERE POWERS

Beloved is a member of the Second Sphere class Powers, ranked sixth in the angelic hierarchy. Its status is more that of a spiritual being, but it is also burdened with devotion to the service of Paradiso. While still considered among the lesser classes of angels, Beloved is one of the highest order of angels that can be summoned by humans. Those who have summoned Beloved attribute the chance to meet this being, Kuisling, in combat. Beloved are known for brilliant exploits in demonic battles.

KINSHIP

SECOND SPHERE POWERS

Kinship, as one of the Second Sphere Powers charged with defeating evil beings, is responsible for interpreting the forms of Paradiso onto the battlefield. Leading countless angels to the front lines, selecting right of passage for the souls of the departed, and managing to keep on the spiritual of true happiness.

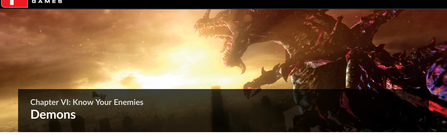
It is thought that Kinship is the angelic manifestation of the ark that saved a foolish human race from the devastating flood described in The Book of Creation within the scriptures of Mosiah.

INSPIRED

FIRST SPHERE THRONES

An angel of the First Sphere belonging to the class known as Thrones, Angels of this class are at such a higher place of spiritual existence that there is a little chance of humans ever crossing paths with them. Some artists are able to see an Inspired as blazing wheels, but it takes a painter with particularly strong spiritual additions to be able to paint Inspire's long, curving, snakelike body.

Though they appear to have high honor in God's only trusted divine war angels, Inspired are rarely known to have battlefield in a human aura overflowing as the enemies of Paradiso.



Demons

PAIN

DRIVER OF AGONY

A powerful tank that would trample angels with bloodstained iron wheels and drag them into a world of nightmares during wars with Paradiso. According to Vigrid legend, Pain's wheels were used for torture, until becoming sentient themselves and reincarnating in Inferno.

Similar to how those of strong faith are said to have rare encounters with angels, humans harboring strong feelings of doubt are more susceptible to finding themselves face-to-face with a demon.

Like his name, Pain is said to feed on the subconscious feelings of injury and hurt in one's soul and will appear anywhere people misguidedly attack each other in an effort to obscure their own sense of loss and loneliness.

HIDEOUS

CRAVER OF HATRED

A clan of demons who infest the Malebolge caves of Inferno. They constantly scuttle in groups, searching for unfortunate prey who have lost their way. Hideous often appear in groups in the human world as well, but display no cooperation in movement. For them, there is only scrambling for prey in a mad dash.

Yet, Hideous possess a very strong intelligence, able to forge various weapons and rarely challenging enemies that appear in larger numbers than their own.

If one is sighted by this merciless demon, overpowering it is the only option. Only a few are capable of this—namely the Lumen Sages who controlled the power of light and the Umbra Witches who controlled the power of darkness.

HATRED

HOLDER OF ENMITY

A Hideous that has been forced into starvation and has resorted to devouring its siblings to survive.

Wielding enough power to stand alone in a fight, Hatred's anger and unspeakable rage still claim complete control of the Hideous around him, who tremble in his presence.

FURY

GATHERER OF RANCOR

A demonic bird that gathers in Inferno's Johnson Forest. It possesses the wings of a bat, head of a dragon, and tail of a snake. It visits the bedrooms of hysteric humans nightly, caws in their ears until they weaken and die, then devours their flesh.

There are some who have tried to escape from its curse, but its terrifying cyclops gaze ensnares its target as if it were petrified.

GREED

CONFUSER OF ELEMENTS

An abnormal creature possessing three necks, six legs, and nine stomachs.

Though they are constantly hungry, they are unable to shed the waste left behind from their constant gluttony. Those who are devoured by Greed and are destined to be trapped for eternity, forever cut off from the cycle from death and rebirth.

At times he was tasked as the gatekeeper of hell, denying entrance to unwanted visitors, yet no victim can ever satiate his endless appetite. Previous "owners" still remain trapped inside his stomachs, waiting for the day of his defeat.

PRIDE

ENVELOPER OF FLAME

A fallen angel from Paradiso who once served God as a blazing chariot.

Bearing the name Pride, those who summon him trade their ears and eyes for power and pleasure.

However those who call him forth must be careful with this power: he controls his reins, not the one who summoned him. And once the flames of the chariot have been ignited, they cannot be extinguished. Not even by Pride himself.

MALICIOUS

GAZER OF DEATH

A master occultist of Inferno who is the embodiment of malice. Stealing various names from different creatures in hell, Malicious is just one name by which he is known.

Inexperienced witches will unwittingly summon Malicious and be tricked into forming a contract with him before knowing his true identity or appearance.

No matter how kind or courteous Malicious may act, he is not to be trusted under any circumstances. He is a shaman of hell who finds his greatest delight in deceiving and betraying others, trapping them in regret and hopelessness.

RESENTMENT

SWINDLER OF PROGRESS

It is said that a curse is cast upon the families of those who die an unnatural death while bearing feelings of hatred and ill will.

Resentment, born from the sludge of Inferno, is an exact manifestation of those bitter, repressed emotions inside humanity.

Once it has chosen a victim, it will follow them forever, no matter the distance, until it can tie them down and make them feel the weight of the pains of hell. Its tenacity is far beyond that of the other demons of Inferno, and Resentment is said to have the ability to open the Gates of Hell through sheer willpower.

Witnessing this demon gives testimony to the truly unthinkable power of grudges humans find fit to hold in their hearts and never release.

SCOLOPENDRA

ERADICATOR OF PARADISE

A vile centipede hailing from Frejentonta, a river of boiling blood in the depths of Inferno, rumors speak of its body exceeding ten kilometers in length.

Moving unlike anything its size, its deftness allows it to wrap around and constrict its prey in the blink of an eye.

SLOTH

EMBRACER OF EXTREMES

A demon who lies in wait for pious believers to be granted entrance to Paradiso so he can slice them apart and cast them to Inferno during their ascension.

The six swords sheathed in his back represent gluttony, profanity, doubt, idiocy, rage, and arrogance. Each blade awakens feelings in victims of its respective sin when cut.

At first, those who witness Sloth are filled with joy to reaffirm the truth in their religion. In the next moment, they are filled with sadness as they are tossed to the darkness of hell. Not only concerned with humans, Sloths have been responsible for countless fallen angels.

GLAMOR

FIRST SPHERE SERAPHIM

Glamor, as a First Sphere Seraph, rests at the highest rank in the angelic hierarchy. Seraphim are the closest beings to God's existence and cannot be seen by humans in the physical world under any circumstances.

Yet, since the dawn of history, there have been discussions of rumors about Glamor's appearance in the mortal realm. Some claim that Glamor has some connection with The Book of Revelation, written by a Lumen Sage and found in the scriptures of Shamel.

Of course, this means there must have been a sage capable of connecting to Paradise and conversing with Glamor through spiritual means.

VALOR

FIRST SPHERE CHERUBIM

As his name would imply, Valor is a warrior that regards bravery in the highest degree. Taking the form of a shield, he stands with Valorem at the front lines of Paradise's wars against Eternum.

It is said that whilst the people are in need, a warrior shall in solid gold armor will appear to rescue them, serving as a symbol of hope and God's presence. While fending off incoming evils with the shield, the warrior will eliminate its enemy with a single blow of its sword, claiming victory for those with a strong, fast faith.

GOLEM

A biological weapon made by the God of Chaos as a means of protecting his city.

It is likely to firmly shapeshift into countless biological creatures, accessing their signatures and morphing its facial mind body into their form. Upon transformation, it will gain the memories, abilities, and appearance of and switches to their most appropriate battle form for their disposal.

With the God of Chaos presently absent, it is still said to be dormant, ready to be withdrew those who would carelessly enter Aeon's realm.

FORTITUDO

AUDITIO

Among the spiritually powerful of the Middle Ages, it was thought Paradise held for all Lifeline Will, and as a result, their abilities increased heavenly logic. The concept of the "Cardinal Virtues" was born of this logic, and classifies Paradise's Divine Will into four categories.

These Cardinal Virtues occasionally become physical manifestations of the great intentions of Paradise, also known as the Legacy of Heroes Lumen in the masses. Personifying courage and fortitude, Fortitudo has been depicted as a powerful warrior, wielding a massive sword and an elegant shield. He is said to be capable of summoning magma flows at will.

SAPIENTIA

AUDITIO

Artists have often depicted the Cardinal Virtue of Prudence, Sapientia, as a warrior-animal roaming the forests of the sea. This is likely due to the human disposition to characterize the sea as the source of all life, a veritable fountain of prudence and wisdom.

It is also thought that Sapientia is responsible for the ins and fall of the Lumen Empire's Imperial Dynasty, ensuring that the Divine Will of the living was could be nothing other than Divine Will at work, a literally evidence of Sapientia's narcissism, ensuring the other Cardinal Virtues.

When a man born as a slave led his people to freedom from ruling oppressors, it is said that it was only Sapientia's favor that parted the seas and allowed for their escape.

WORSHIP

SECOND SPHERE POWERS

Ranked sixth in the angelic hierarchy, Worship is a Second Sphere Power with the looks of a giant woman.

Fully conforming a Power used for transporting angelic armies across the battlefield, Worship uses the divine power of Paradise to its enemies. Worship's entrance into the fray is a sign that the battle is reaching its climax.

Two different types of Legions believed to sacrifice their souls and become part of the ship was to receive the highest form of bliss.

JUSTITIA

AUDITIO

Within Paradise's Divine Will, also known as the Cardinal Virtues, Iustitia, or Justice, is known to take a particularly strange physical manifestation. It takes mass covered with numerous faces, and extending outward six countless tentacles, Iustitia could easily reach its foes.

This may be due to the fact that those depicting the angel are filled beyond comprehension with awe at the divine difficulty of maintaining order in the world. Among Paradise's Divine Will there are three who believe that Iustitia is the closest of the Cardinal Virtues to God.

Justice is said to be based upon rules established by man, to be followed by man. Iustitia's appearance is thought to be a changer as well as a tool for humankind, may be a manifestation of the existing thinkers and objectives of Iustitia.

TEMPERANTIA

AUDITIO

Temperantia, the true embodiment of the Cardinal Virtue of Temperance, is often illustrated as an angel, given its hosts rising like a castle, Temperantia represents the ideal of moderation and self-control. Its appearance is said to be a symbol of peace, and set forth with only a presence of personal temperance if only the heavens should make the storm subside.

BALDER

LUMEN SAGE

According to the Vigrid Chronicles of Aselhandra, the 500 years struggle between the Umbra and the Lumen ended with the defeat of the last remaining Lumen Sage at the Tombs of Ice Umbra Witches. Yet, as if to mock these records, a masked man appeared before Bayonetta with the power of the heavens and the swiftness of light.

The Lumen had not perished — Phobos

The True Vigrid Chronicles/Jezebel

A bright light shone through the mask's crack. It is a light unlike anything else found on Earth—the light of the Right Eye. Long ago, a terrestrial man was said to have left the Witches and Lumen Sages to their demise. Legends claim he killed his own father, the Lumen Sage Balder, and fled to the Earth. Now, he has returned to finish what he started. Or has he? He has said to have embraced an omniscience almost equal to that of a god. Have this man come to obtain this ambition remains unknown, yet a glimpse of the truth can be seen in the fragment of history the Prophet revealed to Bayonetta. A history that suggests that the Lumen Sage's hybrid of 500 years past to modern day. In his hands he held a weapon made to strike out at his enemy. His weapon, a Balder.

Later he would be known as the Tyrant Sage. In the Prophet's vision, however, he seems only lost in rage, seeking revenge for the death of his wife, Nora. - Chapter V

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Balder achieved his revenge. Yet another battle awaited him. An endless battle with the soul of Avaol, trapped inside him until his death.

"My dear sweet child. That not for I am always watching over you." - Ephipar

The True Vigrid Chronicles/Jezebel

PROPHET

Waiting for Bayonetta and Loki at the Gates of Hell was the masked Lumen Sage and a mysterious unknown figure. The unknown figure was revealed to be Prophet, the Lumen Sage of Time, who was also the actual physical form. He wore it radiated an ominous aura, so thick one could feel the malice of their body being ripped apart.

Seemingly neither purely physical nor purely spiritual, not angel nor demon, for an instant a hint of confusion flashed across Bayonetta's features as she looked upon this humane opponent.

"Unlike Witch, is that the first of your power? Did you never open your eyes to your true potential?" - Chapter 3

The Tao Vigrid Chronicles- Sarandee

Wait to deathly at all just a dream? Treating himself in the midst of the Great War 500 years ago, Bayonetta was suddenly absorbed by a young boy with the exact appearance of Loki.

After the symbol of their clan clock tower was destroyed, the Umbra began to scatter, ousted by their enemy Clemens and angels Wait the sky, starting with each other in a violent swirl of chaos.

Bayonetta knew where these events would lead. She was now faced with a momentous choice: end the chaos and save Loki or kill him.

However, the possibility that it was all a plot by the Tyrant of Time to end the Umbra for good. She had traveled from the past to the future, and then back again- the second time in her life she was made to leap through the dimensions of time and space.

The fury's result: dissolve contented into a grin. His smile... how he stood there looking at Bayonetta... made his blood clear.

"I shall take back the power which belongs to me. The power of the Eyes of the World. You shall not interfere." - Chapter 5

The True Vigrid Chronicles Sarandee

AESIR

GOD OF CHAOS

Light, darkness, and chaos.

When the three worlds were divided at the dawn of time, Aesir was chosen to be the God of Chaos. Unlike Valor, Aesir's Divine Will is not one that is worked to a dimension different from our own, watching the infinite possibilities that layered to form history from a viewpoint surpassing that of time and space.

His name, Aesir, is said to signify God in meaning, yet it has no connection to faith, morals, or religious teaching. Aesir is simply a supernatural being that could not be categorized by mankind any other way. If the legends passed down by the Lumen Sages are true, then Aesir was also divided the God of Chaos into his two personalities, Loki and Jezebel.

Aesir bestowed upon human acts will by giving them the "Eyes of the World." This, however, also gave birth to the ideas of triumph and defeat, which would ultimately lead to the creation of the Tree of Life, Yggdrasil, and humankind. The power of Aesir will spawned an unimaginable siege throughout humanity that eventually led Avaol himself to wish to reclaim the power he had originally relinquished.

For someone who can travel through time and space, to take back the powers of the Overseer is to control the fate of the entire world across all time. Yet, humanity's choices had seen the seeds of civil within Avaol. Whatever course of action Aesir may take can only be definitive for humanity's sin...

GOMORRAH

DEVOURER OF THE DIVINE

A monstrous creature hailing from the demonic sword, Infernon Forest. Taking the form of a dragon, it is incredibly fierce, identifying all that moves as game and devouring its prey. Territorial, it is most likely to be found alone.

INSIDIOUS

CONSUMER OF ALL

A hellish orb that, while seemingly leading viewers to the Garden of Eternal Pleasures at the end of the world, lies in actuality abducting them to compete in a massive bloodbath.

The souls who boarded Insidious were led nowhere. Surrounded by the stench of death and rotten flesh, they massacred each other, wrangling over whatever morsels of food they came across.

With a unique aspect to his body that converts death into demonic energy, Insidious is a being that is constantly growing in power. A myriad of hell's creatures live within his gut, making him useful as an assault ship during wars with Paradise.

If swallowed by Insidious, the only way to escape is to stand atop a tower of corpses and wait for him to open his jaw when he engages with his next feeding. However, those who take pleasure in killing may find their true Garden of Eternal Pleasure within the demon's bowels.

PHANTASMARANEAE

TWISTER OF FLAME

Phantasmaraneae nests upon a sea of magma, deep within the furthest reaches of Inferno. Rarely seen near the face of the Earth, even sightings of the demon in hell are a seldom event, leading to its name, which means phantom spider.

While having the frightening appearance of a spider, it is a curious beast, and should one have the good fortune to encounter the Phantasmaraneae, one will find that it is docile and tame, in hope of receiving rare treasures and secrets in return.

The Phantasmaraneae are growing increasingly violent, perhaps due to recent occurrences of unnatural phenomena in the human world. Fighting with the Phantasmaraneae is a test of one's skill with the whip and reflexes. Anyone who encounters one is advised to take caution. Phantasmaraneae can spit magma from their stomachs capable of incinerating victims within seconds.

ALRAUNE

WHISPERER OF DEMENTIA

A woman who doused herself in insensitive poison and took her own life as a means of getting revenge on the husband who left her. The poison combined through her skin and dissolved her flesh, creating a monstrous and hallucinatory form she was at last accustomed in Inferno.

Myth places her as the young daughter of a noble violent, but one of her own regarding the determined that her cannot demon form. She searches the bottom of hell for the most insensitive souls, then injects poison into their nerves to make them eternal "lovers" at her palace.

Insatiable desire and obsession have painted her heart so thickly that she will never know peace. Not even with the

sacrifices of a thousand souls, or a million...

RODIN

THE INFINITE ONE

An immortal man feared as the most dangerous demon in the entire human-owned realm of Inferno. Freely traveling between the human world and Inferno, it is nearly impossible to guess his location at any given time. His sudden visits to Inferno are said to be hunting his most revenge, ruthless demons and taking their souls.

It is rumored that he was once a resident of Paradise with the ability to manipulate the Divine Will of Lifeline, a power that would think has now ruined for destruction. Though his principle purpose for collecting the souls of Inferno's denizens is to use them in making his weapons, he himself is almost never seen sporting anything other than his bare fists: true testament to their unbridled power.

As the famed weaponsmith of Inferno, he destroys to create, then creates to destroy. His true objective is still a mystery, though perhaps he is waiting for someone to appear who will finally have the power to undo him.

"Damn, been a long time since I had a workout like that. You come back soon, big! I'll be here... Waiting. Again."

The following characters are also available to fight in Tag Climax: Rosa, Bayonetta, Jeanne, and Lulubia the Infernal Demon.